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## The holiday is for our heroes

### Local groups celebrate Veteran's Day

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

It was cold and early, but for the people who went out to place flags on the graves of veterans Saturday, it was important.

About 15 people from several veterans groups placed more than 500 flags on graves in St. John's Cemetery on Namooki Road and Maryville Road.

Richard Gerlach, finance officer for AMVETS Post 204 in Madison, was another volunteer.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Gerlach said he did it to honor the memory of the veterans who fought in America's wars to preserve our rights and freedom. "If it wasn't for veterans, we wouldn't have those rights," he said.

On Wednesday, veterans groups locally and throughout the country will celebrate the 80th anniversary of Veteran's Day.

Locally, services will be held at 9 a.m. at the Greater Granite City Area War Memorial Park.

Originally known as Armistice Day, it celebrated the end of World War I. Granite City services will be conducted by representatives from the American Legion Post 113, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS.

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A U.S. flag decorates the grave of a World War II U.S. Army veteran at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City. Scott Cousins photo

## DNA tests identify rapist

### Rabbitt linked to as many as 20 attacks

By Tim Rowden  
Staff writer

St. Louis and Jefferson County authorities said DNA tests have positively identified Dennis Rabbitt as the South Side rapist.

Tom Geiser, a spokesman for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, said a second round of DNA tests had

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## South Side rapist leaves mark in area

By Glen Sparks  
Staff writer

St. Louis police believe a man charged with raping a woman last Jan. 15 in a Jefferson County shopping center could be the so-called South Side rapist.

Police believe the South Side rapist committed a series of assaults that began in 1988 in south St. Louis. He later attacked women living in other parts of the metropolitan area.

The following list includes a summary of attacks which police have attributed to the South Side rapist through DNA evidence:

- Sunday, Sept. 12, 1988, the 6900 block of Chippewa Street in south St. Louis;
- Saturday, Oct. 8, 1988, the 4900 block of Kemper Avenue in south St. Louis;

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## Intoxicated man damages Venice church, home

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

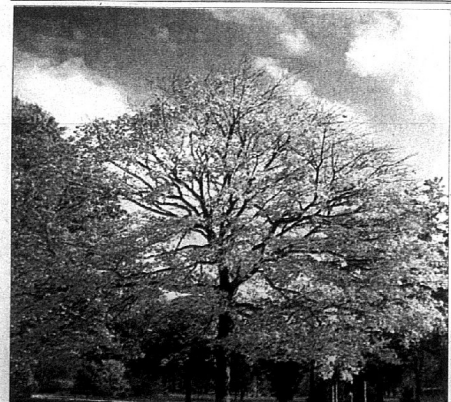
Venice police reported Monday that a Maryland man was so intoxicated he apparently mistook a Venice church and a separate residence for his St. Louis hotel room.

John E. Baden, 27, of College Park, Md., was charged with criminal damage to property by Venice police Sunday morning. According to reports, at about 6:40 a.m. police received a report of a white man wearing Bermuda shorts and a black coat trying to break into a church.

When police arrived they found Baden walking in the 1000 block of Bissell. When they attempted to question him, police reports said he appeared "very incoherent" and had a strong smell of alcohol on his breath.

While police were questioning Baden, another man came forward and said Baden had damaged his front door. The man said he heard his dog barking, went to investigate and found Baden attempting to use a key to unlock his door.

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Tim Stephenson photo

## The color of the season

While most trees throughout Granite City are shedding their leaves for the season, this one in Wilson Park is still showing much of its fall splendor.

Thursday, November 19th

# GIVE OLD NEWSBOYS DAY

Proceeds benefit over 10,000 area children.





Rick Fowler, left, and Todd Sikorski move Santa's chair into place at West County Center, readying the center court at the mall for the annual visit of jolly old St. Nick.

## Local malls pitch in for Newsboys Sunday admission fees go to help area charities

By Kelly O'Brien Hugenot  
Staff writer

Start with great shopping discounts, mix in free gift wrapping, music and food, then add a touch of holiday charitable giving. That's the recipe for Westfield Works Wonders.

People can enjoy the special evening of shopping from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday at five locations: Crestwood Plaza, Mid Rivers Mall, Northwest Plaza, South County Center and West County Center. A \$5 entry donation will be collected at mall doors.

All Westfield Works Wonders donations made that night will go toward Old Newsboys Day, a Suburban Journals fund-raising campaign that helps support more than 250 local children's charities.

"During the holiday season, everyone feels the need to support the community and charities within the community," said Sean Phillips, marketing director for Crestwood Plaza.

The event also will help kick off the holiday season, offering people a less hectic environment in which to start their Christmas shopping, he said.

Holiday shoppers will enjoy free photos with Santa, door prizes at selected stores, complimentary coat check and gift wrapping, refreshments, celebrity appearances and holiday entertainment such as strolling carolers.

Special discounts available

that night include 25 percent off regularly priced merchandise at J.C. Penney's and 10 percent off at Sears.

Crestwood Plaza's stores are behind the event, knowing the more each store can offer, the more people will participate, thus raising more money, Phillips said.

Westfield Shoppingtowns, which operates the five participating malls, chose Old Newsboys Day as the charity it would support locally through Westfield Works Wonders. That's because of Old Newsboys Day's long history and excellent reputation in the community, Phillips said.

At the first Westfield Works Wonders event in Connecticut last year, more than \$150,000 was raised for charity.

"We're excited about the prospect of working with Westfield on this project. It should open doors to new ways of raising funds for the children's charities supported by Old Newsboys Day," said Tom Rice, president and chief executive officer of the Suburban Journals.

There will be a special ceremony recognizing the charities at 8 p.m. in the Sears court of Crestwood Plaza.

The traditional Old Newsboys Day fund-raiser is 6 to 9 a.m. Nov. 19, rain or shine. That's the day volunteers will stand on street corners selling a special edition of the Suburban Journals.

## Youth pleads guilty in Alton beating

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

A 15-year-old youth faces imprisonment until his 21st birthday for his part in the summer mob killing of a Wood River man in Alton.

Donnie Nesbitt entered an Alford plea in Madison County juvenile court Thursday to the charge of first-degree murder. Under the plea, he did not admit guilt but acknowledged the state had enough evidence to convict him.

Nesbitt, who was 14 at the time of the killing and the youngest person involved, is the second person to enter a plea in the Aug. 11 beating death of Richard L. Skelton. At least 11 other people face charges from mob action to first-degree murder, and police are looking for at least two others.

Nesbitt appeared before Circuit Judge Lola Maddox. He was represented by Assistant Public Defender John Delaney and was in the company of his mother, Valerie Cotton, his father, Clyde Nesbitt, and his grandfather Curtis Thomas.

Assistant State's Attorney Amy Maher, who handles juvenile cases, said the state was ready to certify Nesbitt to stand trial as an adult but withdrew the motion when Nesbitt agreed to the plea.

Maddox said Nesbitt's sentence will be "indeterminate," meaning the Department of Corrections will decide when he is ready for release, based on his rehabilitation in juvenile prison.

The law dictates that he be released no later than his 21st birthday.

In return for the plea to the murder charge, the state dropped a charge of armed violence, Maher said.

During the hearing, Maher reviewed the evidence the state had planned to present. She said one Alton police officer was ready to testify that Nesbitt had admitted fighting his way through a crowd to beat and kick Skelton. He admitted hitting him in the chest with his fists two times and in the stomach

once. Skelton died of a heart attack triggered by the beating, a coroner's jury ruled. He had a pre-existing heart condition.

Skelton, his brother Fred and two women went to a reputed crack house in the 1100 block of East Seventh Street looking for Richard Skelton's television set, which Skelton believed had been traded for drugs.

The Skeltons, who are white, exchanged racially charged words with people on the street, and the beating ensued, authorities said. All of the suspects are black.

State's Attorney William Haine, who has taken some heat for not charging the suspects with hate crimes, said Thursday's plea speaks for itself.

"I want to emphasize that he pleaded to murder, which is the oldest hate crime," Haine said. "We insisted on (murder) because that's what we believe it truly is."

Still to be tried, all charged with first-degree murder and from Alton, are:

Taiwan M. Davis, 17, of the 600 block of Joesting Avenue. Bruce L. Steward, 23, of the 700 block of Central Avenue. Edwarne D. Allen, 26, of the 2300 block of Salu Street. Elmer J. Moore, 17, of the 1100 block of Quincy Court. Timothy L. Lee, 26, of the 700 block of Milton Road. Christopher L. Smith, 20, of the 1200 block of Central Avenue.

Glenn A. Taylor, 17, of the 300 block of Big Arch Road. Antonio Williams, 18, of the 800 block of Fountain Street.

At least two other Alton residents, Jason Campbell, 19, and Richard Young, 16, are charged with armed violence and mob action for their part in the attack, which included the beating of Fred Skelton.

Ivan D. Wheeler, 27, of Alton, pleaded guilty to a minor charge in the Fred Skelton case and was sentenced. Another man, Ernie P. Debruce, 27, of Alton, is charged with mob action and aggravated battery for allegedly beating Fred Skelton.

## Belleville shrine hosts 16th Lights walk

By Larry Ingram  
Staff writer

Area trekkers and walkers will be taking in the lights of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Saturday in Belleville at the 16th "Way of Lights" walk.

Start times for the event are between 3 and 7 p.m. Participants must be finished by 9 p.m.

Local trekkers Dick and Alice Parle say, since 1983, nearly 12,000 individuals have enjoyed the Christmas season lights.

The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) trail begins at the Pilgrim's Inn lobby at Our Lady of the Snows. Trails of shorter distances are available for those unable to complete the 10K trail.

Dick Parle says participants can walk, jog or run at their own pace.

"It's a little hilly, but it's nice," he said. "We will have the trails marked."

Parle said participants can obtain a "For the Season of Lights" award patch for \$8 on the day of the event. The patch is multicolored and embroidered.

Parle said the walkers will also enjoy the "Journey to Bethlehem," a light and art display depicting scenes from the Christmas story. The display will feature more than 1 million miniature lights that will be strung on trees and shrubs. Walkers will also see illuminated life-size statues and electro-art sculptures. The restaurant and gift shop will be open.

## Area Salvation Army gets ready for bell-ringing drive

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

It may be better to give than receive, but the Salvation Army of Southwest Madison County is getting ready to do a lot of both.

Bell-ringing — the Salvation Army's most visible fund-raiser — is set to begin Friday, said Capt. Martin Colip.

"I think we have close to 25 locations," he said. "Whether we'll have them

all manned, I'm not sure." This year's goal for both bell-ringing and corporate donations is \$225,000. Last year's total was about \$212,000.

"Not only do we do a lot of help at this time of year, but we raise close to two-thirds of our budget for the year, so it's very important," he said.

Colip said they are also short on volunteer bell-ringers.

"We have people applying to work, but we really need

service clubs, churches or groups of any kind," he said. "If they do that, it automatically saves us \$60 in wages we have to pay."

It also increases donations because volunteers know people in the community and can raise more money.

The Salvation Army, which serves the Edwardsville, Highland, Collinsville and Tri-City

areas, is also taking applications for holiday food baskets.

He said people can apply for food baskets through Nov. 20.

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## Board members: Citizens poll on homes not likely

### But SIUE survey would help, citizen says

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Madison County Board members say polling residents about the fate of two tax-supported care homes in Edwardsville isn't likely.

Steve Jellen, who refers to himself as an interested citizen, thought having the resource of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville nearby might provide an answer to the much-debated issue — should the nursing and sheltered care homes remain open?

"It occurred to me that a poll could answer the question of whether voters want the homes or not," Jellen said. He contacted Lewis Bender, director of regional research and development services at SIUE. Bender said his

department has performed many telephone surveys, and he said the polls are extremely accurate.

"We form questions in a non-biased way. It's a matter of what do people think," Bender said. "Ninety-five out of 100 times, we get the same results within a plus-or-minus 3-to-5 percent accuracy."

A sample of 800 people throughout the county is the most accurate, he said, and would cost the county \$10,000. A 400-person sample would cost \$5,000.

"We can't do polls for private citizens. But if commissioned by the County Board, we could do it. It sounds like a good way to help make a decision," he said.

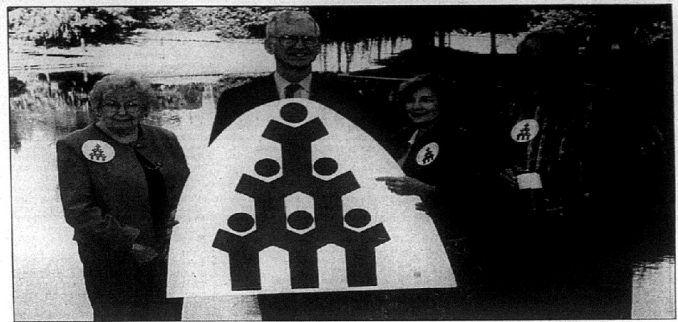
But several board members said they don't see such a poll happening

because of their 15-13 vote in April to close the Madison County Nursing and Sheltered Care Homes in Edwardsville. They said the homes are outdated and there isn't enough money to maintain them.

"The voters have already spoken on the issue of the homes," said Board Chairman Rudy Papa.

"We had our poll at the election," added Board Member Jack Frandsen. "If we want another poll, we'll put it on the ballot again. That's a true poll. I don't see any reason to continue on with the discussion about the nursing home."

Many board members said the people have spoken, but some citizens believe the wording of a March referendum was misleading. The referendum called for the issuance of a \$6.5 million bond issue for a home.



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## Here we come a-carrying

Organizers with the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association gather around their "Tree of Carolers" logo to make a focal — and vocal — point. They want everyone to know how much fun it is to take a group caroling while bringing holiday joy to their listeners and how much good the collections received do for needy youngsters in Metro-East. The organization has raised more than \$2 million to date. To help some less fortunate have a good Christmas and happy 1999, or for more information, call Dick Oliver at 877-2741 or Hilde Few at 797-0527.

## Borders, center team up for holiday season

Have you ever wished you could complete your Christmas shopping in one stop?

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You may obtain a certificate by calling 398-7500.

## Library awarded IP 'Bright Idea' grant

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

The Granite City Public Library district had a bright idea and wound up winning a \$5,000 grant from Illinois Power.

The utility company named the library district a winner in its "Bright Ideas" community grant program. The money will be used to purchase materials such as books, magazines, newsletters, videos,

cassettes and CD-ROMs for a display unit offering energy and conservation information.

The aim of the display is to educate the community about environmental and conservation matters. The display unit will also include information about money management and loan financing.

Late in July, Illinois Power challenged local civic

and business organizations to come up with some "Bright Ideas" for making communities a better place to live, work and play. The utility received more than 400 nominations from organizations based in Illinois Power's service territory.

"Illinois Power has a long tradition of supporting the communities we serve," said Rick Moore, regional manager for Illinois Power.

"The goal of this new program is to inspire community organizations, schools and other groups to secure seed money for new, local programs that are important to our residents," he said.

Illinois Power awarded 32 grants — \$160,000 in all — to support programs or projects in areas such as education, economic development, redevelopment and beautification.

## Granite City, Madison police receive grants

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Several federal grants will help local agencies fight crime and drug-related offenses in Madison County.

The Madison and the Granite City police departments each received grants from the U.S. Department of Justice. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello announced the grants late last month.

Granite City is receiving a \$26,802 grant and Madison a \$12,968 grant. The departments will be using the money at their discretion for such

projects as hiring of officers and improving or securing technology.

The funding is critical to the departments' ability to reduce crime and improve public safety, Costello said, and it strengthens their available resources.

In a related funding, the Madison County Housing Authority has been awarded a \$240,500 grant to fight drug-related crime. The grant comes from the Public and India Housing Drug Elimination Program of the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development.

The funding is meant to target youth drug-related crime in Alton, Collinsville, Madison and Venice, Costello said.

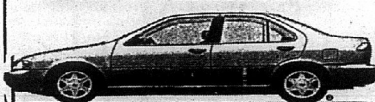
With it, the Madison Housing Authority may establish adult-supervised summer and after-school computer tutorial programs and other initiatives that teach life skills to youth.

The program, known as Project RIDE (Remove Illegal Drugs Now), give local communities grant money to incorporate aggressive law enforcement efforts.

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## Obituaries

### Mary Huckla

MARY (BALNIKOFF) HUCKLA, 81, of Madison, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 1998, in Edwardsville. Mrs. Huckla was born Nov. 28, 1916, in Madison. She was retired from Reese Drug Store in Granite City as a clerk and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.



Survivors include her son, Donald Huckla, of Columbia, Mo., and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Huckla, and her parents, Peter Balnikoff and Louise (Koucky) Balnikoff Stefanoff. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Maryville Road, Granite City. Rosary Services will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the funeral home.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison, with the Rev. Jim Kiefer officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to the masses or to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

### Terry Clark

TERRY G. CLARK, 50, of Collinsville, died Friday, Nov. 6, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Mr. Clark was born Dec. 6, 1947, in Granite City. He was retired from Granite City Steel as an assistant operator and was a member of the Granite City Elks. Mr. Clark was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen (Jernigan) Clark, a son, Jeffrey Clark of Collinsville, his father, Frank Clark of Granite City, a sister, Sharon Glassford of Joliet, Mo., and five brothers, Steve Clark, Kenny Clark and Jeff Clark, all of Granite City; Mike Clark of Edwardsville and Mark Clark of Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elouise (Moss) Clark. Services were Nov. 10 at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. The remains were cremated. Memorials may be made to the Tri-Cities Area Association for the Handicapped.

### Clifford Parks Sr.

CLIFFORD "BUD" PARKS, 58, 76, of Granite City, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 1998, in Alton.

Mr. Parks was born Sept. 9, 1940, in Bixby, Mo. He was retired from Granite City Steel as an electrician. Mr. Parks was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Alice (Profit) Parks, two sons, Clifford "Bud" Parks, Jr. and William "Bill" Parks, both of Granite City; a daughter, Sally McElroy of Granite City; a sister, Verna Ruebhausen of Granite City, nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Maudie Parks, and six brothers, William, Roman, Elmer, Willard, Lloyd and Melvin Parks.

Services will be 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Luther Abbott officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille A. (Worden) Walker, 92, of Granite City, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 1998, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Walker was born Sept. 23, 1906, in Salem, Mo. She was a retired telephone operator from Southwestern Bell.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Walker of Edwardsville. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary (Schmetske) Worden, and 12 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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## Burning fall leaves can cause severe breathing problems in kids

It's that wonderful time of the year again when you could go outside and enjoy all of nature's glory.

The air is crisp and trees are presenting their fall colors. You could be frolicking in the fall sunshine like a kid on the first day of summer vacation.

The only problem is that your neighbor is burning a mountain of leaves, sending up a column of smoke dense enough to choke the Marlboro Man.

Knowing that the smoke can trigger your next asthma attack, you stay in your home, close all the windows and wait for the smoke to subside.

Leaf-burning is outlawed or restricted in many communities and Dave Sheppard, a respiratory care practitioner at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, feels it should be outlawed everywhere.

"It's the asthmatics that are really affected by it," Sheppard said. "Let's face it, the air quality here is not the greatest, for many reasons. When you put that

on top of the leaf burning, you're talking about a serious problem."

According to Sheppard, the change of seasons and change of weather is always a problem for people with a

lung disease, particularly at this time of year when the conditions are not consistent.

"It takes a lung patient about three or four days to adjust to a weather change," he said.

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## Metro-East area obtaining minor-league baseball team

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

At a press conference held Monday, officials announced plans for a second minor league baseball team in the St. Louis area.

Organizers of a Metro-East team said they will have a Frontier League franchise that would start play in June 2000.

The independent minor league team, to be named by Illinois area baseball fans in a "Name Your Team" contest, will play in a state-of-the-art ballpark to be built in St. Clair County.

Rich Saugat, president of East County Enterprises, Inc., said the ballpark could cost between \$3.5 to \$4 million, pretty similar in cost to the O'Fallon, Mo. park.

St. Louis Blues broadcaster Ken Wilson said the Gateway team will be the 11th team in the Frontier League.

"It's a great day for baseball on this side of the river," Wilson told the crowd. The press conference was held simultaneously with one

in Chicago, where the 10th team, the Cook County Cheetahs, was announced.

Frank Viverito, president of the St. Louis Sports Commission, said this will enable community members to not only see great players like Mark McGwire, but also see future McGwires in the making.

"The best baseball region in the area just got better," Viverito said.

John Baricewicz, chairman of the St. Clair County Board, said the efforts will make the region better for the kids.

"It's more than just a team, it's a brick in the wall of the community fiber," Baricewicz said.

Wilson said the facility will be more than just a ballpark. The Pan-Am and Prairie State Games and the Salute to the Masters could also use this facility. It will be a facility for the entire community," Wilson said.

Wilson said many sponsors have already jumped on board to support the franchise.

A local investor group has purchased an expansion franchise in the now 10-team league.

Sauget said discussions are going on with cities in St. Clair County.

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## Church Women United makes donations at October meeting

Dody Klenke led the devotion from the book "Art of Awareness" in beauty and ordinary things before the Church Women United meeting, opened by Millie Clements, president.

Brief reports of the Area Institute in Centralia were given. Announcement was made of the newly opened of the Good Samaritan House in

Granite City. Church Women United sponsored a blood drive Nov. 10 at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dorothy Kinney and Muriel Krotz are the coordinators using the theme "The World Within Our Neighborhood". The program will follow a noon finger-food luncheon.

Each person attending in

## Veteran's groups recall sacrifices

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women who have and are now serving in the U.S. military.

Immediately after the services at the park, members of AMVETS Post 51 and the auxiliary will be laying a wreath at the war memorial at the Granite City Hall.

In Belleville, a newly constructed Veterans' Memorial Monument will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on the southeast quadrant of the Belleville Public Square.

The dedication will include a presentation of colors by the Scott Air Force Base multi-service honor guard.

All federal and state offices and courts, as well as most county and municipal governments and banks, will be closed Wednesday.

## Lifelike Trees tips from the experts at

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Too early to start thinking about Christmas? Perhaps, as far as some things go, but if there's been some discussion in your family as to the type of tree you'd like to have this year, it may not be too soon.

If you're sticking with the traditional-type holiday with a fresh-cut tree... yes, it's too early. But if you're considering a lifelike tree... read on!

Lifelike trees offer many advantages over fresh-cut. First is cost. A lifelike tree may cost more initially, but when you consider it will be around for several years, its per-year cost dwindles dramatically. Take a \$100 tree for example. Assuming it'll last ten years (most last even longer), it comes out to \$10 per year. It's tough to find a good-looking fresh tree for a ten-spot nowadays.

Easy care is another advantage. They don't need to be watered. Their rich green color will be just as vivid next year and many years thereafter. No need to sweep up and step on with bare feet. About the only care they require is proper packing and storage when not in use.

Safety is a big factor. Frank's lifelike trees are flame-retardant and that's a real plus. But we don't want you to be misled. Flame-retardant means it will resist flame - much more so than a live tree. You still must use the same precautions as you would with a live one. Don't place it near heat sources. Damaged light strings should not be used on any type of tree. And always unplug the lights when nobody's around, you leave home or go to bed.

Want more advantages? We have 'em. How about convenience? You don't have to go out and pick

one every year. Haul it out of the attic, garage or wherever and presto, you have an instant tree. Almost. It has to be set up, but assembling today's lifelike trees is not like the past. They're constructed with ease of assembly in mind.

The first time you assemble it will most likely take the longest, since it'll all be new to you. But don't worry; it's just a piece of cake, so much so that you'll probably end up memorizing it.

If your tree is the type with removable branches, it's always a good idea to keep each row's branches separate. This is easily accomplished by tying them together when you take the tree down. Many trees have hinged branches that are never removed.

If a lifelike tree is the way you'd like to go this year, there are several choices. They're available in small tabletop models to giant ceiling-scraper and everything in between. It's much like choosing a live tree. Looks and size usually dictate the choice.

Traditionalist? Still prefer a live, fresh-cut tree? Not a problem. But as we said, it's a tad too soon. When the time's right, we'll have some tips on their selection and care.

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## Frank's... A Christmas Wonderland of Great Decorating Ideas!

Watch Wednesday's Journal for more tips from the experts at Frank's!

## Maryland man damages Venice buildings

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Police reported the handle to the home's screen door had been damaged.

Another witness said she had seen Baden attempting to use his keys to unlock the church.

The witness said she also noticed a four-door 1998 Ford Taurus parked in the street. It was eventually determined it was Baden's rental car.

At the police station, Baden reportedly told police that he had been drinking and still thought he was in

St. Louis, and had pulled his vehicle over to avoid being ticketed for DUI.

Police speculated that he believed the church and home were his hotel in St. Louis.

Baden was released after posting \$100 cash bond.

## Marriage licenses issued

The following marriage licenses were issued through the Office of Mark Von Sida, the Madison County Clerk:

Scott Bates and Jamie Newby, both of Granite City; Ray Bertelsmann and Anne Dickmann, both of Edwardsville;

Michael Bowman and Cheryl Watkins, both of Staunton; Jason Braun and Rhonda Benson, both of Granite City; Danny Briggs Jr. and Jessica Auvenshine, both of Collinsville;

Ruben Carranza and Cathy Neidhardt, both of Granite City;

Kenneth Cave and Rebecca Walker, both of Granite City; Kevin Ebersohn and Lauri Berdick, both of Staunton; Timothy Gaither and Dixie Bailey, both of Edwardsville;

John Gibson of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., and Jennifer Rudy of Granite City;

Charles Godfrey and Vickie Schuman, both of Granite City;

Ryan Hargrave and Michele Denny, both of Wood River;

Eric Harnetiaux and Shari Lenhardt, both of Alton; William Mayes of Alton and Sandra Wilson of Bethalto; Shawn Heilman and Kerry Sowash, both of Collinsville;

Richard Jensen and Karen Bonneville, both of Bethalto; Richard Hunt Jr. and Rosemary Britts, both of Alton;

Matthew Klamm and Stefanie Jacobs, both of Granite City;

Michael Koch and Nancy Durell, both of Florissant, Mo.;

Tavon Hughes of Cahokia and Karyn Martin of Alton;

Robert Koeller and Dana Reveille, both of Granite City;

Terry Long and Tammy Downs, both of Granite City;

Ronald Maher and Sheila Pennell, both of Alton;

Jan Mansker and Lois Goshorn, both of Edwardsville;

Christopher Maple and Lisa Wilcox, both of Alton;

Dennis McCutcheon and Kathleen Brockman, both of East Alton;

Matthew McQuire and Rebecca Segar, both of Edwardsville;

Douglas Mertz and Teja Gaddy, both of Granite City;

Ronald Mize and Amy Diser, both of Collinsville;

Robert Noll of Granite City and Laurie Morman of Maryville;

Erik Olson of Lake Charles, La., and Maggie Messmer of Collinsville;

Sean Peterson and Melanie Solomon, both of Granite City;

John Perkhiser and Jamie Gernon, both of Moro;

Timothy Peltz and Sylvia Ginter, both of Edwardsville;

Kenneth Ricks Jr. and Mary Halsey, both of Trenton;

Robert Rogers of Collinsville and Christal Futrell of Troy;

Timothy Spiewak and Jada Herndon, both of Collinsville;

John Stapleton and Heather Duncan, both of Collinsville;

Henry Sultz of Fenton, Mo., and Debra Blum of Collinsville;

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## Local man identified as South Side rapist

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come back positive, linking Rabbitt to at least nine sexual attacks in the city and as many as 20 total attacks attributed to the South Side rapist.

"They have linked him in connection with those crimes," Geiser said. Geiser said police had submitted the test results to the St. Louis circuit attorney's office along with a request for a large warrant charging Rabbitt with nine of the St. Louis rapes. He is also suspected in a pair of rapes in Collinsville, which were linked to the South Side rapist's pattern.

Geiser said charges were expected to be filed later this week.

Rabbitt, 42, who has been charged with raping a woman on a High Ridge shopping center parking lot, was identified as a possible suspect in the South Side rapes after submitting a saliva swab to St. Louis police, who were investigating an attempted home invasion.

Jefferson County Sheriff Glenn Boyer said there was no DNA evidence in connection with the High Ridge case, but the victim had positively identified Rabbitt.

Rabbitt was charged in Jefferson County Nov. 6 with one count of forcible rape in connection with the Jan. 15

rape of an 18-year-old Byrnes Mill woman on the parking lot of the Grovers-Dillon Plaza shopping center in High Ridge.

"I believe we have a good strong rape case," Lt. Col. Steven Meinberg of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said of the Jefferson County charge. Authorities said Rabbitt grew up on the city's South Side but has lived in Jefferson County for a number of years. Police were still searching for Rabbitt at press time Tuesday. He was last reported seen in southwest Missouri.

Investigators said Rabbitt drives a white, older model, full-sized conversion van. In the High Ridge case, the woman was approached in broad daylight by a man wearing a utility-type knife who forced her into her vehicle, where she was raped and assaulted.

The woman gave authorities a description of Rabbitt following the attack and identified him from a photograph.

The High Ridge assault is yielding to other cases attributed to the South Side rapist, who was known for assaulting victims in their homes, usually placing a pillow, sheet or tape over their eyes so they could not identify him.

But Lt. Mark Tulgetskis, who commands the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department detective bureau, said the incident was not entirely out of

character.

"There are some similarities; there are some differences," Tulgetskis said. "He's always been bold. He does home invasions when people are there. So I wouldn't say he's gotten bolder."

St. Louis police took a saliva swab from Rabbitt Oct. 29 while questioning him as a suspect in an attempted burglary.

Authorities said the DNA from the swab appeared to match the DNA evidence obtained in many of the South Side rapist's attacks. Adella Jones, spokeswoman for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, said police have been collecting saliva samples from suspects in home invasions and sexual assault cases for the last several years.

Police said they believe Rabbitt willingly provided the DNA sample to avoid drawing attention to himself and allow him time to flee the area.

Tulgetskis said Rabbitt disappeared shortly after providing the saliva swab to St. Louis police.

"I would consider him armed and dangerous," Tulgetskis said Nov. 9. "I have him flagged in the computer as such."

Rabbitt is on probation for a misdemeanor stealing conviction from Jefferson County.

## South Side rapist has attacked both sides

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• Friday, March 20, 1992, the 5300 block of Arsenal Street in south St. Louis;

• Wednesday, April 1, 1992, the 5200 block of Nottingham Avenue in south St. Louis;

• Friday, April 3, 1992, the 5500 block of Chippewa Street in south St. Louis;

• Monday, April 20, 1992, the 3200 block of Alfred Avenue in south St. Louis (no DNA evidence);

• Saturday, May 9, 1992, the 5300 block of Quincy Street in south St. Louis;

• Friday, May 29, 1992, the 3700 block of South Broadway in south St. Louis.

• Saturday, Oct. 29, 1994 in Collinsville;

• Thursday, Jan. 19, 1995, near McCausland Avenue and Arsenal Street in south St. Louis;

• Friday, Feb. 5, 1995 in Collinsville;

• Wednesday, May 10, 1995 in St. Charles;

• Monday, July 31, 1995 in Arnold;

• Sunday, March 3, 1996 in South County near Interstate 55 and South Lindbergh Boulevard;

• Friday, May 24, 1996 in Lemay, in South County;

• Monday, Sept. 23, 1996 near Wilson and Hampton

avenues in south St. Louis (no DNA evidence);

• Thursday, Nov. 7, 1996 near Manchester and Kirkwood roads in Kirkwood;

• Saturday, May 10, 1997 near Lloyd and Hampton avenues in south St. Louis.

The same attacker may have raped other women, police say.

Most of the attacks happened about midnight. An exception was the Sept. 23, 1996 assault, which took place about 7:45 a.m. The rapist usually has entered the residence through unlocked windows or doors on the ground level.

## Way of Lights display opening soon

The winter holiday season is a special one at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

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The Way of Lights is open every night from 5 to 10 p.m. Tickets are available for home-drawn carriages and open-air guided tram tours, weather permitting. Call for reservations.

At the Visitors Center, decorated Christmas trees artistically displayed in a variety of settings

depicting "People of Love."

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## ADA's diabetes education program set for Saturday

### Event marks group's awareness drive

By Michael Hayes  
Staff writer

November marks the American Diabetes Association's annual campaign to raise awareness about diabetes and the group's various programs.

The third Diabetes Education Program will be one of the highlights of the month, said Julie Stappenbeck of the American Diabetes Association. The program is set for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in the University Center. The event is free.

Stappenbeck said the program will provide information on a variety of

diabetes-related topics from area diabetes experts. "This is an opportunity to meet people around the area who have diabetes or care for someone with diabetes," she said.

Marcia D. Draheim, a registered nurse and certified diabetes educator at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be the keynote speaker from 9 to 10 a.m. Her address is entitled "Emotions Surrounding Diabetes."

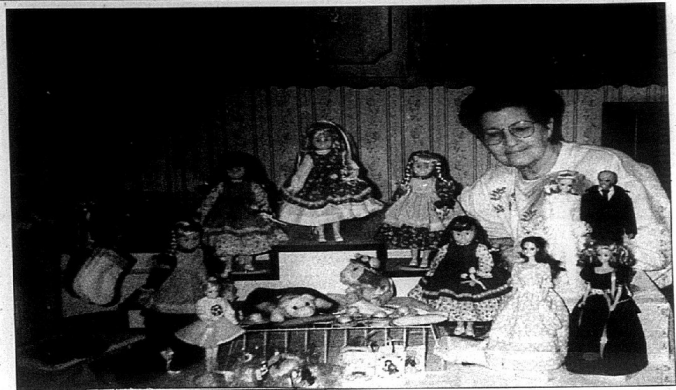
Draheim's presentations around the country have been well-received, said Sonnie Mason, a certified diabetes educator at Alton Memorial Hospital. "She's motivating, funny and brings her presentation to a personal level with a lot of energy," Mason said. "She

touches on all aspects of diabetes, including the impact diabetes has on an individual, not just physically, but emotionally.

Diabetes specialists will lead seven workshops throughout the day. From 9:15 to 11 a.m. workshops will be:

- Women's Issues, by Dr. Lisa Jabusch.
- Impotence, by Dr. Alan Stein.
- Children with Diabetes, by Janet Sprehe, a registered nurse and certified diabetes educator.
- Psychological issues, by Dr. Scott Arbaugh.

Other workshops will be held from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Various exhibits will be open until 1 p.m.



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## Holiday ideas

The Granite City Park District's Christmas Ideas Festival craft show will feature many are crafters displaying holiday ideas to brighten anyone's home. Among the ideas on display will be Marge Stanton's clothing for Barbie dolls. She has been in the Barbie accessory business for many years. The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 21 at the GCPC's Harold Brown Recreation Center, located at Franklin and Amos avenues in Granite City.

## Low prices, weak basis makes storing this year's corn crop good strategy

Low prices and weak basis makes storing this year's corn crop a good strategy. What if you do not have on-farm storage and commercial storage is not available? What are your alternatives?

You can use futures contracts or call options to reown grain that must be sold at harvest. However, you will give up the potential basis

gains and future market carry with these strategies. Part of this potential loss is offset by no storage cost. Six months of commercial storage would cost around 36 cents per bushel, making your break-even price for storing corn until July around \$2.32.

Basis — the difference between nearby futures and cash prices — currently is wider than the average. This

wide basis is an indication of weak demand. The market is signaling, do not sell now. A basis improvement would allow some increase in cash prices even if futures prices do not. If you cannot store your corn, you cannot benefit from any improvement in this weak basis. Market carry is when the deferred futures contracts offer a premium over the

nearby futures. December corn futures contracts closed at \$2.16 on Oct. 25, while July closed at \$2.43, resulting in a market carry of 25 cents. This is what the market is offering producers to store their corn until July. If you buy futures to reown corn, you are paying the storage premium. This premium usually erodes as the futures month approaches.

What if you sell cash corn and reown with futures? You will pay about 29 cents of market carry and give up about 25 cents or more in basis improvement. You will need July futures above \$2.43 next spring to earn a profit compared to cash prices of \$2.32 to earn profits on stored corn. Call option could also be used as method of paper

storage while buying a July call option would increase the break-even price. A \$2.30 July corn call option would cost around 24 cents. July corn futures would need to be \$2.54 to earn a profit. Based on the above example, reowning corn futures is the better of the two paper storage strategies. The futures strategy does have the risk of margin calls.

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educators from the University of Illinois, which chooses the five finalists. Writing skills and original thinking are important criteria considered by the judges. They also look for fresh, feasible, constructive and well-supported ideas. Contest rules and entry forms are available at most Illinois high schools or AAA-CMC branch offices, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: AAA-Chicago Motor Club, P.O. Box 5027, Des Plaines, 60017-5027.

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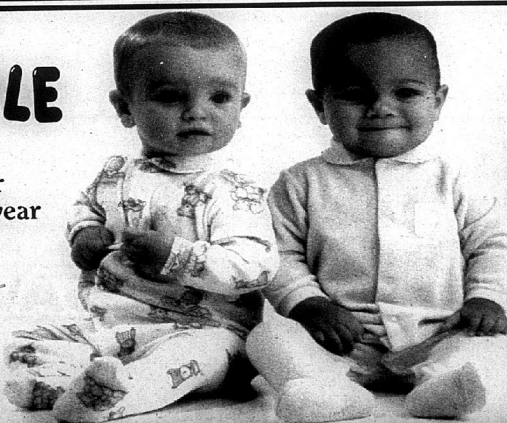
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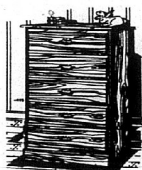
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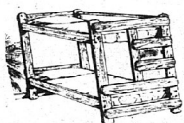
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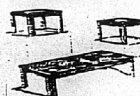
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## Addition, subtraction

Local conferences may get new look in coming years

Addition and subtraction may be simple matters, but when it comes to high school athletic conferences, I'm not so sure where the numbers lead.

Consider independent Althoff and South Seven member O'Fallon, and I'm not certain what the future holds. That's why I spoke with Althoff athletic director and varsity football coach Glenn Schott the other day to verify that he had been approached by more than one South Seven athletic director this fall concerning the possibility of Althoff joining that conference.



Art Voellinger  
Sports  
Writer

"We listened to them previously, and our coaches voted at that time not to join the conference," said Schott, who confirmed he was approached prior to 1993 when O'Fallon joined the South Seven.

"It appears that there's a possibility of O'Fallon moving to the Southwestern Conference in the near future, and they the South Seven officials — are interested in us again."

"There's no doubt that there are concerns including travel," said Schott.

Schott has seen his share of travel in football. His team has played in Indiana and Kentucky in recent years to get a full schedule. This season's trips included games in Champaign, Bloomington, and Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Joining the South Seven — which also includes Cahokia, Carbondale, Centralia, Marion and Mount Vernon — would appear to be a remedy for Althoff football, but Schott remains noncommittal.

Recent talk by area coaches also has pointed to the possibility of the South Seven — minus O'Fallon — merging with the Mississippi Valley Conference to form North and South divisions.

Such a move would seem a result of the Illinois High School Association's commitment to including conference champions in its football playoffs.

"You don't get into a conference for the betterment of one sport," said Schott.

"We've got to find out how the scheduling in that conference (South Seven) is done for all sports, including underclassmen games."

The prospect of being in a league with five football schools that have played Althoff on one level or another would appear most appealing, and Schott admits: "I've gone into the month of April already and needed a game or two (to fill out the schedule)."

Will Althoff jump into the South Seven? Normally it takes two school years for a conference to do the necessary scheduling for all sports, but according to Schott, the South Seven athletic directors who have contacted him have indicated that there's a possibility O'Fallon might make the move to the SWC by the year 2000.

Meanwhile, Althoff and Schott are listening, and who can blame them?

### Overtime

Although O'Fallon has dominated the South Seven Gold Cup (all-sports trophy race) in recent years, the fall sports champions in that conference this fall were: Mount Vernon — girls cross country and tennis; O'Fallon — volleyball and football; Carbondale — soccer;

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John Swistak Jr. photo

East St. Louis receiver George Mumphard (85) had another solid day Saturday but the Flyers came up short in the IHSA Class 5A playoff game with Cary-Grove. A 25-7 loss ended the Flyers' season at 7-4.

## Cary-Grove eliminates Flyers from 5A playoffs

Trojans score 19 unanswered points in second half

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Cary-Grove rolled into East St. Louis and did the unthinkable: The Trojans used their speed to beat the Flyers 25-7 in the second round of the IHSA Class 5A football playoffs.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Trojans turned the tide of the game with a defensive touchdown on the first play of the second period.

Cary-Grove linebacker Bill Walsh tipped Flyers quarterback Kevin Edwards' screen pass at the line, corralled the ball and ran 87 yards down the right sideline for a score. The point-after kick missed and the Trojans sat on the 6-0 lead.

"Even though it was the second quarter, that interception turned the game around," Trojans running back Kevin Kaplan said.

But the Flyers responded with a touchdown drive of their own, scoring just five minutes later.

On fourth-and-goal from the Trojans 6-yard line, East St. Louis running back Darris Jones broke through the line and plunged into the end zone. George Mumphard's kick gave East St. Louis the 7-6 lead.

The Flyers were unable to take advantage of a Kaplan fumble later in the half and went into intermission leading by a point.

"(At halftime) we talked about wrapping up more," Kaplan said. "Darris Jones is a hell of a running back. He'll go through you if you

don't wrap him up. We also had to contain the quarterback a little more."

"And I had to hold on to the ball. My fumble was a big turnaround for them."

Kaplan scored two touchdowns in the second half, one coming on a 64-yard run two minutes into the third quarter. That score, on a third-and-4 from the Trojans 36, put Cary-Grove ahead for good.

On the Trojans' next possession, Kaplan scored on a similar play. With a third-and-8 near midfield, Kaplan covered 48 yards for the touchdown.

"I think, throughout the game, you get used to plays and you see keys, and I think we wrapped up better," Kaplan said. "That was the key to our win. We didn't overpursue."

Cary-Grove sealed the scoring in the fourth quarter when quarterback Eric Gold passed to Matt Burke for the touchdown. Tonya Fletcher, a star for the Trojans girls soccer team, came on and kicked the extra point.

"I thought we played well," said Kaplan, who ended up with 165 yards on the ground. "I thought we played with a lot of toughness. Our offensive line was outstanding, they controlled the game. The line made some huge holes and I just ran through them. Our defense stepped up, too, and everyone just pulled it together, and we had some big plays. It was a good win."

Cary-Grove's power running kept the Flyers dangerously potent offense off of the field.

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Tim Stephenson photo

## Changing uniforms

Granite City High School's Brooks Narvaez (left) will make the transition from running back on the football team in the fall to wrestling for the perennial power Warriors wrestling squad in the winter. Practices for the team began Monday. A preview on the wrestling team will appear in the Nov. 29 Journal.

## Warriors try to repeat success of 1997-98

Granite City won 13 of 20, made second round of playoffs in Mid-States association

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association once again are poised to defend the honor of Illinois

all alone. The Mid-States Club Hockey Association is comprised of Missouri teams, with the exception of the Granite City Club. The Warriors are in the North Division with schools from north St. Louis County

Pattonville, McCluer, McCluer North, Hazelwood West, Hazelwood East and Hazelwood Central. The Warriors will play each of their divisional rivals twice, and play eight games outside the division in a 20-game schedule.

The Warriors plan is a simple one — play tough. "We are pretty conservative," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said.

"We take it game-by-game and prepare for the playoffs."

"Last year we finished 13-5-2 and made the second round of the playoffs. We accomplished a lot last year and reached our goals."

"We wanted to play 500 or above hockey and we accomplished that. We wanted to make the playoffs and we did that."

Overall, I think we did well in accomplishing our goals."

This year's players will be a fairly new mix of talent for Yurkovich, a challenge different than he has had in the past.

"We still have juniors coming back, but we had six seniors leave," Yurkovich said. "Bobby Pritchard, Brian Loftus, Bobby Harris and Todd McQueen had been around and played hockey together for a long time. We lost a big part of our nucleus."

We also lost Garth Witman and Clayton Warren, two of our defensemen."

But the Warriors cupboard is not bare. "Bobby Scott is a senior who will be very instrumental in our game plan," Yurkovich said. "He

Granite City Warriors (Mid-States Schedule)			
Date	Opponent	Rank	Location
Nov. 12	Affton	GC	GC
Nov. 16	DuBourg	AF	GC
Nov. 19	Pattonville	GC	GC
Nov. 23	McCluer	NC	GC
Nov. 28	Fort Zumwalt South	GC	GC
Dec. 3	Hazelwood West	GC	GC
Dec. 10	Hazelwood East	GC	GC
Dec. 12	McCluer North	GC	GC
Dec. 17	Fort Zumwalt North	GC	GC
Dec. 21	Hazelwood Central	NC	GC
Dec. 29	St. Charles West	CH	GC
Jan. 7	Priry	NC	GC
Jan. 7	Hazelwood Central	GC	GC
Jan. 14	McCluer North	GC	GC
Jan. 15	Pattonville	WG	GC
Jan. 18	Hazelwood West	NC	GC
Jan. 21	McCluer	GC	GC
Jan. 24	Hazelwood East	NC	GC
Jan. 28	St. Charles	GC	GC

All opponents are from Missouri.

Rinks are: GC — Granite City; AF — Affton; NC — North (St. Louis) County Recreation Complex; WG — Webster Groves; CH — U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Chesterfield.

has played defense for the last three years on the varsity team. He's very solid. He's both offensive and defensive-minded at the same time. He can be very physical."

Ty Suhr will be a big part of the team, and especially instrumental in goal-scoring. I look for Ty to have a big season and help us offensively."

"Jon Burns is a very physical player. He has his highs and lows. At 6-foot-4, 190 pounds, he is very physical, very demanding. He has had two knee surgeries in the last three years, that's why he has been up and down. When he is on, when he is feeling all right, he is great."

We will have three other senior leaders on defense. Scott Sarich, Mike Angle and Lenny Wilson will be carrying the defense. Greg Boyer (6-foot-3, 175 pounds) is very tall, very slender. He played forward last year, but this year will see a lot of time on defense. Larry Brentley is a sophomore who could add some offense to

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## Belleville West headed back to state tournament

Maroons eliminate Edwardsville in super-sectional, advances to state for second time in three years

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

After a one-year absence, the Belleville West volleyball team is headed back to the state tournament.

The Maroons (32-7) rolled to a 15-3, 15-7 victory against Edwardsville on Saturday in the IHSA

Class AA Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin Super-Sectional. West will play Naperville Central at noon Friday in the quarterfinals of the state tournament at Redbird Arena in Normal.

"We were a little nervous early and we made some uncharacteristic service and passing errors," said Maroons coach Charles Rodman, whose team lost to Althoff in the regional semifinals last year. "Our setter (Ashley Harzing) had been out and it took a little while to get our timing back."

"Sarah Panzau did a nice job of passing and our blocking was good. When you have two 6-footers up there, it makes it pretty

tough (for opponents). We didn't let them get any runs. At this point, you just want to get to the state tournament. Hopefully we'll be relaxed and ready to play as well as we can."

West was in control most of the match against Edwardsville, which was making its first super-sectional appearance. The Tigers (25-3-1) beat Sacred Heart-Griffin last Thursday to win the Bethalto Civic Memorial Sectional.

"We might have had some jitters in the first game," said Edwardsville coach Kay Hyten. "Belleville West and Sacred Heart-Griffin have been here umpteenth times and we've never been here. West is definitely more powerful than us and they didn't make any mistakes."

The Tigers had a short-lived 5-4 lead in the first game after West's Nicole Panzau hit the ball into the net. But a four-point serving run by Kristy Beretschaft gave the Maroons an 8-5 lead.

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# East St. Louis teams will play in MLK Classic event

Six high school basketball teams will participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. High School Basketball Classic at Kiel Center on Jan. 18.

The St. Louis Classic Gateway Sports Foundation, Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Majic 105-FM are presenting the event.

St. Louis Cardinal Ritter will take on University City at 2:30 p.m. and that game will be followed by a matchup between the girls teams from East St. Louis and Kansas City Northeast at 4:30 p.m. The final game of

the day, at 6:30 p.m., will feature St. Louis Vashon and the East St. Louis boys teams.

Half-time events will feature entertainment from area youth entertainers and a half-court shootout.

General admission tickets to the basketball event are \$8 with reserved seating tickets being sold for \$10. Tickets are available at the Kiel Center Box Office, all Capital tickets outlets, at Famous Barr stores, or by calling Dialtix at 969-1800.

Tickets may also be purchased by calling East St. Louis at 583-8405.

## Local leagues could have new looks

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Centralia — boys cross country; and Cahokia — girls tennis.

Schott indicated that current Althoff enrollment is at 774. Projected O'Fallon enrollment is 2,000 by the year 2000.

In 1989, O'Fallon posted a 2-3 football record in the South Seven behind champion

Edwardsville, which has since moved back to the Southwestern Conference. Since that season, O'Fallon has posted a 23-2 conference record, including two titles. The other two grid crowns were won by Cahokia.

Members of the Southwestern Conference are: Alton, Belleville East and West, Collinsville, East St. Louis, Edwardsville and Granite City.

## DOBBS Cardinals Team of the Week



### Conference champs

The Waterloo Indians boys baseball team won the Cahokia Conference title with a perfect record this fall. Members of the team are (from left to right): In front — bat boy Mike Hopper; Second row — Billy Steppig, James Powell, Vernon Modglin, Andy Brand, Andy Mayer, Mack Dickey, Justin Schmidt; Third row — Caleb Lutz, Eric Phillips, Kevin Griffin, Mike Croce, Timmy Augustine, Alex Voelker, Brandon Sherman; Fourth row — Eric Stegall, Eddie Wilson, Erik Floarke, Alex Welsch, Jeremy Reed, Kellen Latchem, Jason Rheinecker. The team was coached by Mark Vogel.

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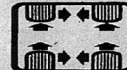
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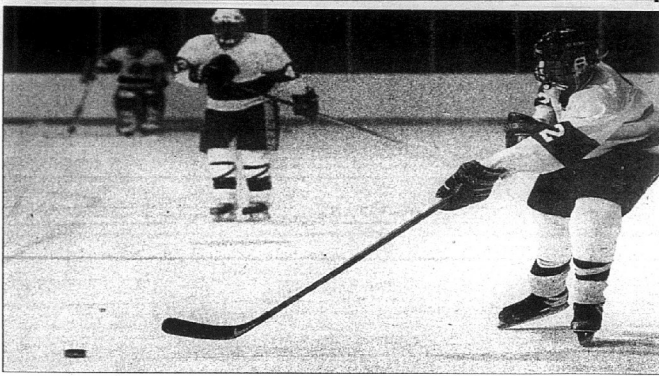
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Granite City's Greg Boyer (2) will make the transition from playing forward for most of last season to playing defense this season for the Warriors.

## Warriors set for Mid-States campaign

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our defensive corps. He's very consistent for us, very fast, and he has gotten a lot stronger. He put on some weight and his shot has improved tremendously because of it.

"Matt Wojciechowski is the goalie we picked out of the player pool. He is actually from Pattonville, but with the split (to form the Illinois Warriors of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association) we needed another goalie. He will start for us. We wanted to have at least three to start the season, so our backups are Brian Reese and Kenny Knot."

Yurkovich wants the team to make a smooth transition with the new mix of players and maintain Granite City's success in Mid-States.

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Granite City coach

we did last year," Yurkovich said. "Again, have a record above .500, make the playoffs again and better ourselves in the areas we are weak in."

The Warriors will look to play a wing-lock system, hoping to utilize it from either wing.

"We need to play stronger defensively," Yurkovich said. "Our offensive players need to play a lot more defense this year. We need to be neutral zone-minded and concerned with our transitional play."

"We want to be a little more reserved on our forechecks and only send one guy in deep most of the time. We want to try to create a little havoc on the defenses and flush them out on the side we want them on."

"We have to have a good transition game. If we focus on our forechecking, and on turning that forechecking into offensive opportunities, and if we get the neutral zone turnovers, we should have a very successful season."

The Warriors' first game is 7:15 p.m. Thursday against Affton at Wilson Park Ice Rink in Granite City.

## Flyers ousted from playoffs as Cary-Grove posts victory

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"We knew that we could wear them out," Kaplan said. "We just kept at it and knew that eventually their will would break, and that's what happened and we won the game."

"We didn't think about their (tradition) too much. We knew we wanted to play another home game. We came down here, we won the game, and now we're going back to play at home."

East St. Louis coach Terry Hill thought the game was his team's to win.

"We gave this game away again," Hill said. "I thought that we could probably control them a little bit, but it turned around to their favor. They did a good job. They kept coming at us and they got the job done. That's a good team. I thought maybe we could have gone up (in the first half) by at least another touchdown. We just have to play harder once we get down to the red zone. It's a problem that when we get teams down we just don't attack them the way I want to."

"The kids felt confident and I did too. I thought maybe we could wear them down. But they came out and (Kaplan) scored that touchdown and it changed the momentum of the game at that time. What really killed us was when they threw that touchdown pass, that really put the nail in our coffin. (Kaplan) is a good back, he's one of the best backs I've seen this year."

East St. Louis was unable to get anything going in the air, which would have taken some of the pressure off their offensive line.

"It just seemed like (quarterback) Kevin Edwards was out of sync today," Hill said. "The pressure was on him, but I think sometimes he ran out of the pocket too fast,

when he could have set up in the pocket and thrown the ball. They did give us good pressure with the ends."

The Trojans were able to stifle East St. Louis' fleet receiver, senior George Mumphard. "George had a great season," Hill said. "I wish I had him for another year. He did everything we asked. He's just a great kid and I look for him to go on to the next level. You'll be hearing about him. Illinois and Kansas have been interested in him. I think when these teams see the tapes of George, they will definitely be trying to recruit him."

Hill won't have to do much of an overhaul to get the Flyers ready for next season.

"We still have some young guys," he said. "The left side of my line is young and we have some young guys to come in and replace the seniors. They have started some games before when we had some injuries early in the season. We're going to be all right."

Cary-Grove 25, East St. Louis 7		0 6 12 7 - 25	
CARY-GROVE		EAST ST. LOUIS	
No scoring.		First Quarter	
CARY-GROVE — Bill Walsh 37 interception return (kick failed).		Second Quarter	
EAST ST. LOUIS — Darris Jones 7 run (George Mumphard kick).		Third Quarter	
CARY-GROVE — Kevin Edwards 54 run (pass failed).		Fourth Quarter	
CARY-GROVE — Matt Burke 25 pass from Eric Gold (Tonya Fletcher kick).			

## Maroons advance to state tourney

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"We got all our jitters out and started playing our offense," said Maroons senior middle blocker Danielle Lawary. "We didn't get down on each other if we made mistakes. We bounced back and stuck together."

West closed the game out on a six-point serving run by Herzing. A blast by Lawary off Edwardsville's Olivia Rowe made the score 14-5, and the Maroons won the game when Tigers junior Tiffany Draper couldn't save a pass that was headed out of bounds.

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"We weren't real smart on when we tip," Hyten said. "The people who were hitting for us were our shortest people and (West) smothered it down. We didn't control the net at all."

Edwardsville took a 6-5 lead in the second game, but West rallied and took a 9-6 lead on a kill by sophomore Erin Noble.

"When somebody is off, somebody else picks them up," Rodman said. "Erin Noble did an excellent job. She had eight kills and I don't know if she was blocked at any time."

"(Junior) Liz Wanless also had a couple nice kills. It's an advantage for us to have size and strength at the net. Our back row play is getting better, too. (Junior) Peggy Rasp did a nice job of passing."

A service ace by Nicole Panzau and a tip by Wanless increased West's lead to 13-7. Edwardsville hit the ball out of

bounds for the 14th point and a cross-court kill by Noble clinched the victory for West.

"Edwardsville started attacking and running their offense much better in the second game," Rodman said. "This was their first time here and we have three girls were on the floor in the state tournament as sophomores."

"I was impressed with them. Their program has always been pretty solid."

The super-sectional was the final prep match for Tigers seniors Tami Oberkrell, Alicia Oehler, Rachel Wehmeyer and Kristin Luckey.

"We had a fantastic season," Hyten said. "You couldn't ask for harder workers or a nicer bunch of young ladies. I'd like to go out a little tougher, but the experience of getting this far is something that will help us out for next year."

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## Sports

## Boys soccer results

ALTHOFF  
Coach: Dave Stosberg  
(15-7-2)

September	
1 Belleville West.....	W 1-0
3 Waterloo, at BAC.....	L 1-2
5 at Wood River.....	W 8-0
8 Edwardsville.....	L 1-1
10 at Mater Dei.....	W 9-2
12 Carbondale.....	L 1-3
15 at O'Fallon.....	L 1-3
19 at Quincy Notre Dame.....	W 3-1
21-26 at Hazelwood Central (Mo.) Tournament.....	
vs. St. Louis Rosary.....	W 3-0
vs. St. Louis Duchesne.....	W 1-0
vs. Granite City.....	L 1-4
26 Highland.....	T 1-1
28 Jackson (Mo.) at BAC.....	W 3-2

October	
1 at Springfield.....	W 3-2
at Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Central.....	W 4-2
3 Westlin.....	W 8-0
7 at Gibault.....	W 6-2
12-17 Alton Tournament.....	
vs. Marquette.....	L 1-2
vs. Highland.....	W 1-0
vs. Wood River.....	W 14-0
vs. Jerseyville.....	W 2-1
19 Belleville East.....	L 0-2
27 Metro East Lutheran.....	W 4-1
29 Waterloo.....	W 2-1

BELLEVILLE EAST  
Coach: Gary Carr  
(16-7-2)

August	
29 Quincy.....	W 5-1

September	
5 at St. Louis Univ. High.....	W 2-1
Meriville (Mo.).....	W 8-0
10 at Oakville (Mo.).....	W 2-0
12 Arnold (Mo.) Fox.....	W 3-0
15 at Edwardsville.....	W 2-0
17 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
21-26 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central Tournament.....	
vs. Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Troy (Mo.).....	W 5-1
vs. Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis DuSmet.....	L 0-2
vs. Granite City.....	W 2-0
28 at Alton.....	W 21 (OT)

October	
5-10 Granite City Tournament.....	W 2-1
vs. St. Louis Chaminade.....	L 0-4
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt South.....	W 3-1
12 at Collinsville.....	L 1-2
15 Granite City.....	W 2-0
17 Triad.....	L 2-4
19 at Althoff.....	W 2-0
24 Ferguson-Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North.....	W 4-1
W 1-0	
27 Belleville West.....	W 1-0
30 O'Fallon.....	W 2-2
31 Collinsville.....	L 0-1

BELLEVILLE WEST  
Coach: Bill Houck  
(5-12-1)

August	
29 at Westlin.....	W 15-0

September	
1 Althoff.....	L 0-1
3 Triad.....	L 0-3
10 Alton.....	W 3-1
12 at Edwardsville.....	L 2-6
16 Gibault.....	W 2-0
19 at Carbondale.....	L 2-4
21-26 CVO Tournament.....	
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	T 3-3
vs. St. Louis St. Mary's.....	L 1-0
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	L 0-1
28 Granite City.....	L 1-2

October	
1 at Belleville East.....	L 1-2
5-10 Granite City Tournament.....	
vs. St. Louis Aquinas Mercy.....	W 2-1
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 1-3
13 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central, at BAC.....	L 0-2
15 at Collinsville.....	L 0-3
23 Springfield Lanphier.....	W 2-1
27 Belleville East.....	L 2-1

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Coach: Bob Stevens  
(1-15)

September	
1 Waterloo.....	L 1-4
4 at O'Fallon.....	L 0-10
8 at Centralia.....	L 14-0
10 Lebanon.....	L 1-0
15 at Marion.....	L 0-3
17 Metro East Lutheran.....	W 6-1
18 Carbondale.....	L 0-8
21-26 CVO Tournament.....	
29 O'Fallon.....	L 0-6

October	
1 East St. Louis.....	4 p.m. L 2-6
5 Gibault.....	L 2-6
6 Centralia.....	L 2-4
8 at Carbondale.....	L 2-4
10 Marion.....	L 0-5
12-18 at Waterloo Tournament.....	
vs. Columbia.....	L 0-3
vs. Carbondale.....	L 0-6
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt North.....	4 p.m. L 1-4
20 at Lebanon.....	4 p.m. L 1-4
21 Westlin.....	L 2-3
27 at Columbia.....	L 3-4

COLLINSVILLE  
Coach: Ron Rowden  
(10-9-2)

September	
1 O'Fallon.....	L 0-1
3 at St. Louis DuSmet.....	L 2-3
5 St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-3
7 at Gibault.....	W 2-1
10 Granite City.....	L 1-2
15 St. Louis Chaminade.....	L 1-3
17 at Belleville East.....	L 1-2
21-26 CVO Tournament.....	
vs. St. Louis Chaminade.....	T 0-0
vs. Fenton (Mo.) Rockwood Summit.....	L 0-3
30 at Alton.....	W 2-0

October	
1 at Edwardsville.....	L 1-2
3 at Highland.....	W 3-0
at Alton Marquette.....	W 3-0
8 vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	W 3-0
10 Triad.....	W 1-0
12 vs. St. Louis Chaminade.....	L 0-3
13 Belleville West.....	W 3-0
15 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	L 0-3
27 at Edwardsville.....	W 3-2
29 Alton.....	W 4-0
31 Belleville East.....	W 1-0

COLUMBIA  
Coach: Kent Hediger  
(14-6-1)

August	
28 at Westlin.....	W 7-0

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

GIBAULT  
Coach: Jim Corsi  
(10-13-1)

September	
1 Highland.....	L 0-2
2 O'Fallon.....	L 1-2 (OT)
3 St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-7

August	
28 at Westlin.....	W 7-0

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

August	
28 at Westlin.....	W 7-0

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

## 31 Wood River..... W 13-2

September	
1 at Alton Marquette.....	L 2-6
2 St. Louis DuSmet.....	L 0-9
10 at St. Louis Kennedy.....	W 2-2
19 at Hillsboro (Mo.).....	W 2-0
11 at St. Louis Bishop DuBourg.....	L 2-3
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor.....	W 2-0
22 at Mater Dei.....	W 5-3
28 at Alton.....	L 2-5

October	
5 at Waterloo.....	7 p.m. W 6-2
8 Mater Dei.....	W 3-2 (OT)
12-18 Waterloo Tournament.....	
vs. Carbondale.....	W 3-0
vs. St. Louis Lutheran South.....	W 3-2
vs. St. Louis East.....	L 0-4
19 Littlefield.....	W 4-1
20 Pacific (Mo.) West.....	W 8-0
22 Waterloo.....	L 0-2
27 Cahokia.....	W 4-3
29 Gibault.....	L 2-5

EDWARDSVILLE  
Coach: Mark Schwarzkopf  
(10-10-4)

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

GIBAULT  
Coach: Jim Corsi  
(10-13-1)

September	
1 Highland.....	L 0-2
2 O'Fallon.....	L 1-2 (OT)
3 St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-7

August	
28 at Westlin.....	W 7-0

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

August	
28 at Westlin.....	W 7-0

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

August	
28 at Westlin.....	W 7-0

September	
1 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	L 0-1
3 St. Charles (Mo.) West.....	L 1-0
8 at Althoff.....	W 1-0
10 Civic Memorial.....	W 6-2
12 Belleville West.....	T 2-2
17 at Granite City.....	T 2-2
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 2-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) West.....	L 0-3
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.....	W 3-2
28 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette.....	L 0-3

October	
1 Collinsville.....	W 2-1
3 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	W 3-1
5 Rick Hudson Tournament.....	T 2-2
vs. St. Louis Vianney.....	W 1-0
vs. Oakville (Mo.).....	L 0-2
vs. St. Louis Univ. High.....	L 0-2
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central.....	L 0-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-4
17 Meriville (Mo.).....	T 1-1
21 at Alton.....	W 4-0
24 Collinsville.....	L 2-3

## 7 Collinsville..... W 1-2

September	
14 Festus (Mo.) St. Plus.....	L 0-6
16 at Belleville West.....	L 0-2
17 at Lebanon.....	W 2-1
19 Alton Marquette.....	T 1-1
21-26 CVO Tournament.....	
vs. Kirkwood (Mo.).....	L 1-2 (OT)
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt North.....	W 3-2
vs. Pacific (Mo.).....	W 3-0

October	
3 Waterloo.....	W 2-0
5 at Cahokia.....	W 6-2
8 Althoff.....	L 2-6
10 Columbia.....	L 2-3 (OT)
12-17 Waterloo Tournament.....	
vs. Waterloo.....	W 4-0
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt South.....	W 1-0
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt North.....	L 2-7
vs. Columbia.....	L 2-3
15 Mater Dei.....	W 3-2
20 Belleville East.....	L 1-4
27 Roxana.....	W 3-2
29 Gibault.....	L 0-1

GRANITE CITY  
Coach: Gene Baker  
(12-6-5)

August	
29 at Peoria Richwoods.....	W 1-0

September	
1 Civic Memorial.....	W 9-0
3 St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell Central.....	W 2-0
5 St. Louis Vianney.....	L 0-2
8 Alton.....	W 7-0
10 at Collinsville.....	W 2-1
12 Springfield Sacred Heart Griffin.....	T 2-2
15 at St. Louis CBC.....	L 0-2
17 Edwardsville.....	T 2-2
19 at Francis Howell.....	W 2-1
21-26 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central Tournament.....	
vs. DuSmet.....	W 1-0
vs. St. Louis Rosary.....	W 4-1
vs. Althoff.....	W 1-0
vs. Hazelwood (Mo.) Central.....	L 1-2
North.....	W 2-1
28 at Belleville West.....	W 2-1
30 O'Fallon.....	T 2-2

October	
5-10 Tournament of Champions	1
vs. St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North	T 2
vs. St. Louis Aquinas-Mercy	L 1
15 at Belleville East	W 3
17 Ferguson-Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North 1-1	
19 St. Louis Univ. High	L 1
24 McCluer North	W 1
27 Alton	L 2

# Grigsby seventh-graders capture All-City tourney

The Grigsby seventh-grade volleyball team slipped past Coolidge by a point to win the All-City Tournament recently.

Holy Family and St. Elizabeth also competed in the event.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

The All-City Tournament is conducted annually at Grigsby and sponsored by the Grigsby Varsity Club.

Jennifer Lloyd, Amy Simpson and Jessica Pacatte were the leading scorers in the tournament for Grigsby. Whitney Sykes and Brittany Fuzessery were team leaders in hits and spikes.

The Gators finished the season 11-3, clinching first place in the Madison County Junior High Conference with a 15-8, 15-12 sweep of Edwardsville. Jessica Pacatte and Whitney Sykes led all scorers in that match. Erica Carney, Alicia Bodkin, Lucy Johnissee and Fuzessery played solid defense to help seal the victory.

Other members of the team who contributed to the Gators success were Kim Roady, Ashley Ritchie, Ashley Krug and Kristin Vocceles. The team was led by player-managers Tessa Stratton, Lindsay Wallace and Vanessa Ross.

## Gators complete season

The Grigsby Gators eighth-grade volleyball team completed a successful season, tying for second place in the Madison County Junior High Conference behind an undefeated team from Edwardsville Middle School.

The Gators were also winners in the first All-City Volleyball Tournament, on Oct. 9 at Grigsby.

Fifteen girls lettered for the Gators, who finished the year 10-1 in overall competition. Twelve players scored 20 or more points, led by Sara Legate, who scored 65 points and had two perfect games.

Other letterwinners were Kelly Harris, Annie McAtter, Tiffany Ruth, Katelyn Nonn, Teri Mendenhall, Ashley Spahr, Kelly Kayich, Laura Owca, Katie Ivie, Kelly Jackson, Katie Hubbard, Natasha Ponce, Cara Paoli and Jackie Kacera. Connie King coached the team.

## Shootout tickets

Tickets for the 18th annual Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout are on sale at numerous St. Louis area locations.

The prestigious one-day event, which features nine boys' game and one girls' game, will be Dec. 10 at Kiel Center.

All Shootout tickets are reserved and cover the entire day's activities.

Speculators may come and go throughout the day, provided they keep their ticket stub and get their hands stamped in the Kiel Center lobby.

Tickets prices are \$19, \$15 and \$9. Tickets are available at local participating schools; the Kiel Center Box Office; all Capital Tickets outlets, including Famous-Barr and Schnucks Video Clubs; Curt Smith Sporting Goods in Belleville; and Ron's Pharmacy in Columbia.

Schools keep \$1 of each ticket sold in advance through the school.

Tickets can be charged by phone or by calling Dialtix at 314-989-8000.

## PSG holiday hoops

The Prairie State Games, Illinois' largest amateur sports festival, will host a girls basketball tournament Dec. 19-20 in the Fairview Heights/Belleview area.

The PSG Girls Holiday Hoops is geared toward girls competitive teams in grades 5-8. Each of the four divisions will be limited to 12 teams. The tournament is open to teams from any state.

The fee is \$125, with three games guaranteed. Each team has the option of pre-ordering T-shirts at \$5 per shirt. The deadline to enter is Dec. 1. A late fee of \$25 will be added to the \$125 regular fee if an application is received after Dec. 1.

The Belleville Eliminators Basketball Club is hosting the tournament along with the Prairie State Games.

For more information or to receive an application, call Eric Süsser or Bob Emig at the PSG office in Fairview Heights at 632-1002.

## Lady Knights soccer

The Lady Knights Soccer Club under-12 girls team took first place in the Season Finale tournament in Kansas City, Mo. The team had a 5-0 record and outscored its opponents 23-0.

Team members include: Maggie Ahearn, Christy Bauckman, Brittany Box, Katie Burris, Kelly Campbell, Stephanie Copley, Sam Eggemeyer, Vanessa England, Lindsay Fite, Kristin Heidemann, Beth Hattenhausen, Sophie Hilgard, Beth Keck, Katie Kurowski, Stacy Newton, Cayla Read and Kristin Schwaegel.

The team is coached by Herb Foerster and managed by Nancy Read.

## SISL Showcase

The Southern Illinois Soccer League will host the ninth annual Soccer Showcase Nov. 22-23 at Gordon Moore Soccer Complex in Alton. The showcase is designed to expose college-bound soccer players to regional college soccer coaches, and in turn, allow players to explore college programs and funding sources.

The showcase is open to any central or southern Illinois junior or senior high school boy or girl who wants to play soccer on the collegiate level. A limited number of spaces will be available for junior college players. A full-sided game format will be played, with referees will be provided through the voluntary efforts of the Southern Illinois Soccer Officials Association.

Any eligible player interested in participating may secure an application form by calling the SISL hotline at 236-0032, Matt Dubach at 288-9854 or Dick Disher at 465-3207. Forms are also available at Soccer Master in Fairview Heights. A \$30 fee will be charged to SISL rostered players. A \$40 fee will be charged to all non-SISL players. A late fee of \$50 must accompany applications postmarked after Nov. 9.

## Indoor soccer tourney

Applications are now being accepted for the 12th annual Metro East Tournament of Champions indoor soccer event Nov. 22-23 at The Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon.

The tournament has expanded its field to include boys and girls teams from under-5 through high school divisions. Additionally, there will be an open men's and open women's divisions for players 19 and older, a coed division for players 25 and older and 30-and-older and 40-and-older men's divisions.

Competition will take place for recreational/school teams and all-star/select divisions in the U-14 divisions and younger. The high school and older divisions will have only one division.

The fee is \$130 per team, with three games guaranteed. Team and individual trophies will be awarded.

To receive an application or for more information, call Bob Emig at 344-0984 or 632-1002.

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## Movie schedule

Film timetable for Wednesday, Nov. 11. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

### CARMIKE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 644-7078  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 7:20, 9:15  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 7:10  
Soldier (R) 9:30  
Bride of Chucky (R) 7:30, 9:45  
What Dreams May Come (PG-13) 7:00, 9:20

### EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-5288  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 4:10, 6:50  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 4:30, 7:10  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30  
The Siege (R) 4:40, 7:20  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 4:20, 6:40  
Vampires (R) 4:30, 7:20

### COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA  
Edwardsville, Ill. 658-6390  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 7:00  
One True Thing (R) 7:15  
A Night At The Roxbury (PG-13) 7:30

### ESQUIRE CINE

6006 Clayton Road, 781-3300  
The Siege (R)  
The Waterbury (PG-13)  
Bride Of Chucky (R)  
Vampires (R)  
Rush Hour (PG-13)  
Beloved (R) Check theater for times

### GALLERIA 8

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722  
Living Out Loud (R) 2:00, 5:45, 8:00  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10  
Ant Pupil (R) 1:30, 5:55, 8:30  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 1:50, 5:30, 8:10  
What Dreams May Come (PG-13) 1:40, 5:40, 8:20  
Ant (PG-13) 1:35, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45

### HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2600 Target Drive, 822-4900  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:15, 9:10  
Belly (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30  
Belly (R) 2:20, 5:30, 8:05  
Beloved (R) 1:00, 5:00, 8:45  
Beloved (R) 4:05  
Soldier (R) 1:25, 7:40  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 1:25, 4:45, 7:25, 9:25  
The Siege (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20  
Ant (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:45  
Vampires (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:50  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 1:30, 4:50, 7:35  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 8:00  
Bride Of Chucky (R) 1:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
Urban Legend (R) 1:40, 5:10, 8:30

### HIP-POINTE

1801 McCauland, 781-0800  
Check theater for shows and times

### KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

Lemay Ferry & Muhl Avenue, 822-4000  
Beloved (R) 6:10  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15  
The Siege (R) 4:30, 7:15  
Ant Pupil (R) 4:45, 7:15  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 5:00  
Soldier (R) 7:40  
A Night At The Roxbury (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15  
What Dreams May Come (PG-13) 4:45, 7:20  
There's Something About Mary (R) 5:00, 7:30

### KENRICK 8 CINE

7505 Watson Road, 822-4000  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:25  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:40, 8:45  
Vampires (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40  
Bride Of Chucky (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 9:50  
Beloved (R) 1:05, 4:15, 8:00  
Ant (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:15

### KIRKWOOD CINEMA

338 S. Kirkwood Road, 965-1161  
A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries (R) 4:45, 7:15  
The Impostors (R) 9:30  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

### LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123  
The Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 7:05, 9:20  
The Negotiator (R) 7:00, 9:40  
Simon Birch (PG) 7:10, 9:30

### NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 658-6630  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 6:45  
The Bride Of Chucky (R) 7:00

### O'FALLON 15 CINE

1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4000  
What Dreams May Come (R) 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:20  
Vampires (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45  
Urban Legend (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:35, 8:10  
The Mighty (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 8:00  
Living Out Loud (R) 2:20, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:00  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30  
Beloved (R) 1:00, 4:30, 6:00  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55  
Holy Man (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45  
Ant (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30  
The Siege (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45

### QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, Ill. 233-1220  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 4:15, 6:45, 9:20  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50  
Vampires (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
The Siege (R) 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

### RONNIE'S 8 CINE

Lindbergh & Baptist Church Road, 822-4900  
Antz (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 1:30, 5:10, 7:50, 9:30  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 1:40, 5:20, 8:00  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50  
Vampires (R) 1:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 1:40, 5:20, 8:00  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45

### ROXANA CINE THEATER

Roxana, Ill. 254-6745  
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### ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383  
There's Something About Mary (R) 1:35, 5:00, 8:10  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 1:15, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:10, 9:25  
Ant Pupil (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20  
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A Night At The Roxbury (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15  
Soldier (R) 1:30, 4:05, 7:15, 9:30  
Belly (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15  
Belly (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

### SHOWCASE 12

EDWARDSVILLE  
6613 Center Grove Rd., 659-7468  
What Dreams May Come (PG-13) 3:50, 7:10, 9:30  
Practical Magic (PG-13) 4:00, 6:45, 9:20  
Vampires (R) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45  
Antz (PG) 4:30, 6:30, 8:50  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 4:45, 6:50, 9:00  
The Waterbury (PG-13) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00  
Urban Legend (R) 5:00, 7:40, 9:50  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15  
The Siege (R) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
The Wizard Of Oz (G) 4:20, 6:40, 9:15  
Beloved (R) 4:30, 8:00

### TIVOLI

6355 Delmar, 882-1100  
Check theater for shows and times

### VILLAGE SQUARE

100 Village Square Shopping Center, 822-4000  
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 5:50  
The Weenies 4 (R) 8:10  
The Parent Trap (PG) 5:35  
The Negotiator (R) 6:00  
Simon Birch (PG) 6:50, 8:50  
Armageddon (PG-13) 5:30, 8:15  
The Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 5:40, 8:20  
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 6:00, 7:50

## Horoscope

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11**  
The moon remains in Leo today, still challenging both the sun and Venus in Scorpio. You may become frustrated with a partner when you aren't heard and end up feeling underappreciated. Mercury in Sagittarius is there to boost the Leo moon and give you the initiative to take control of your emotions. You can make yourself happy.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 11).** Your secret to major energy and remarkable strength this year? Forgive and forget. You find the easy way to do things that other people believe will be difficult. You could make a move in December to be closer to a loved one. January brings fantastic money prospects.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It's a good day to make extra money using your brain. Honorable intentions are unfortunately not enough to raise an ex-love or difficult friend in your esteem. Deflated egos are actually positive for a relationship.

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## New monument honors Merchant Marines

By Jim Merkell  
Staff writer

Beginning this month, visitors to the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery will have a reminder of an often-forgotten group of World War II veterans.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, a local veterans group will dedicate a monument to the 6,700 American Merchant Seamen and 1,810 Navy Armed Guardsmen who died when 711 merchant marine ships sank in World War II.

The group, the S.S. Samuel Parker Chapter American Merchant Marine and Navy Armed Guard Veterans, raised more than \$6,000 for the monument from members and their families.

The dedication will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 11. Speakers will include St. Louis County Executive George "Burr" Westfall.

This will be the first Merchant Marine monument in the state of Missouri, to the best of our knowledge," said George E. Ward Jr., captain (presiding officer) of the local organization.

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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** A friend's insensitive comment was not meant to be injurious. Much hard work must be done before an investment pays off. Moral judgments hurt a family bond.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** A rare occasion will actually arise again soon. There is no need to mourn lost love, as it is coming back in a new and more supportive form. Call friends back right away.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Love motivates a vigorous pursuit. If you can imagine the attainment of major career goals, they are possible.

**DAYDREAM** about how you can

make ends meet with greater ease. Love with a passionate Pisces is favored.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Lifestyle changes could include new friendships and more exciting love relationships. Success is more easily grasped through work with like-minded comrades. Family bonding is something that should not be forced now.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Mature decisions are highlighted. Love requires tenacity. Passions are finally reciprocated when you step backward. To prepare yourself for an important investment, take stock of assets and your financial reality.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Actively pursue what you've been contemplating.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Determine whether or not you like what you're attracting. Indulge someone you love by handing over control. You'll have the opportunity this afternoon to secure your

money situation for the months ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Stay with tried and true methods, especially if financial prospects look hopeful. Friends can help you work through stress or confusion. Your focus may shift from the cold, hard facts to a more romantic or sensual realm.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Faith is the missing ingredient. Allow someone to lift a burden you've been carrying. Get down to the basics in discussions about finances and your future monetary prospects.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A change in your domestic situation may be in your best interest. Luckily, you are someone's favorite and will win favor with others. You can politely disregard what a family member says — he or she is too tightly wound.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You are lucky in business this morning. Take control of an evolving relationship — don't let things get out of hand. Revise budget to include recent developments. Ask someone to go in on a major expense with you.

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## State sees record decline in alcohol-related deaths

Illinois recorded its largest decline ever in alcohol-related crash fatalities last year after passage of the .08 law, dropping the annual death toll below the 600 mark for the first time, said Secretary of State George Ryan.

While overall traffic fatalities dropped 5.5 percent, those linked to alcohol consumption dropped by 11.6 percent — falling from 664 to 587 last year and saving 77 lives.

Ryan was steadfast in contending that lives would be saved throughout his seven-year push for a law making it illegal for anyone to drive with a blood-alcohol content of .08 or more. The measure passed and was signed into law July 2, 1997.

"The experts told us if we lowered the limit to .08, we could expect to reduce the drunk driving toll by at least 10 percent and save as many as 85 lives," he said. "Last year, we saved 77 lives — with .08 in effect for just half the year."

"The law is working just as we hoped. Our drunk driving death toll has never been lower, and our roadways have never been freer of drunk drivers."

Ryan said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also reported Illinois hit a record low in the percentage of fatalities caused by impaired driving, which fell from 45 percent in 1996 to 42.1 percent last year.

Ryan said research has shown that .08 laws are most successful in states that couple the law with strong public awareness efforts. As part of a campaign called "A Safer State With .08," Ryan's office last year worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Toll Highway Authority to erect permanent road signs warning motorists that in Illinois the "alcohol limit" is .08.

His office also launched a companion designated driver program with the slogan, "If You're Drinking, Pick Somebody Else to Do the Driving. Use a Designated Driver, ride with a friend, or call a cab," Ryan said.

"As always, our message is: If you're drinking, pick somebody else to do the driving. Use a designated driver, ride with a friend, or call a cab," Ryan said.

## Community calendar

**Editor's note:** Each week, the community calendar contains items for the week of Nov. 11-18 only. Groups that meet every week will be listed the first and third weeks of the month only.

### Health-Exercise

**ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM** is presenting a talk entitled "Grief and Holidays" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17. The speaker will be Dr. Edith Brayer of the Behavioral Health System and will be held in the Wiseman Room at SEMC. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 798-3888.

**HOSPICE OF MADISON COUNTY**, a division of Home Care Services, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, also is offering a Holiday Blues Workshop to help those who have lost a loved one learn how to cope constructively with the holidays.

The workshop will be presented twice, 1:30-3 p.m. and again from 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Senior Matrix Conference Room at SEMC.

The workshop will be led by Dr. Edith Brayer, family therapist, and Ellen Humphrey, MSW, social worker. Ellen Friedrich, dietitian, will present ideas on diet and exercise for the holidays. The talk is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Register by calling Hospice of Madison County at 798-3399 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Pre-registration will close Nov. 18.

### Organizations

**GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN** meets third Wednesday of each month in Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information, call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

**NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN** meets from noon to 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend and get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**, a hereditary group for descendants older than 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravennell's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3065 for more information.

**THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meet at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and meeting location, call Helen Stump at 931-2098.

**THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and meeting location, call Helen Stump at 931-2098.

**LYDIA CIRCLE OF NAMEOKI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 877-1936.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL** meets from 7-9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month at Shoney's, Highway 157 (No. 4 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join for better communication and leadership skills. For more information, call 592-6026 or 344-2896.

**BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM** meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4364 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 931-8317, or write to the above address.

**NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1840 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

**TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M.** meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1840 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

**NARE (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES)** meets the second Tuesday of every month at Charlie's Restaurant. Lunch at 11:30 a.m., meeting follows. Call 452-3266.

**THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS** meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 3906 Nameoki Road. Call 878-1422 for more information.

### Seniors

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS** meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

**GRANITE CITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB** meets at the Nelson Hagauer Township Hall. Doors open at 1 p.m. Nov. 15 for the next bingo and games. For information, call 877-1215.

### Support Groups

**PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP** meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Seary at 462-2714 or Lyle Cumberly at 876-2382.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the President's Room inside Bluewater's Cafeteria on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS** meet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan in Edwardsville. Call 465-1463. Guest will be Ellen Pletcher, CTS. The program will be on "Hidden Keys to Loving Relations, Part 1." Newcomers welcome. For more information, call 465-1463.

**RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP** meets 9:30-11 a.m. the first and third Saturday of

each month at 1307 Madison Ave. in Madison to comfort and assist. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" in no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3843, or 666-7631.

**OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information, call (314) 842-7228.

**PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets 3:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road in Granite City. The group meets in the church's Terrace Room. Enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information, call Roger Zollars any evening at 666-5438.

**PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN**, St. Louis Chapter, meets 8:10 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd. in St. Louis. For more information, call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

**SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP**, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

**SINGLES CONNECTION** events for the week of Nov. 11-17 are: Meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for dinner at Fast Eddie's Bon Air Tavern in Alton. RSVP to Delores K., 444-8460. Meet at 7 p.m. Thursday for bowling at the University Center at SIUE. Call Gene at 467-4798 for more information. Celebrate Frank's birthday party at 7 p.m. Friday at Ralph and Charles in Ponton Beach. Must RSVP to Frank by Nov. 11 at 876-4315. Meet at 8:30 p.m. Saturday for a Parents Without Partners singles Turkey Trot Dance at Bella Hall in Belleville. Cost is \$7. Call Les H. at 666-6323. Meet at 1 p.m. Sunday at Collinsville Kmart to carpool to the Galleria. RSVP to Theresa at 344-6460. Meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday for pizza buffet at Panter's in Montclair Shopping Center in Edwardsville. Call Ben at 254-1656. Meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Edwardsville YMCA East Drive for Volleyball, volleyball on a racquetball court with a softer ball. Cost is \$3 for 2 1/2 hours of play. Call Paul, 332-7131, for more information.

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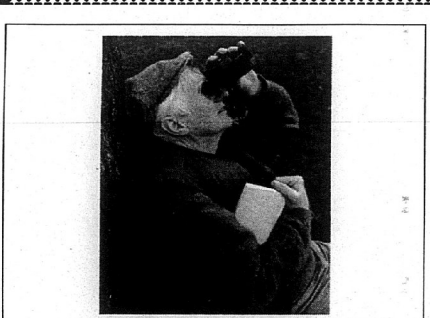
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## Edgar names November Adoption Awareness Month

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar recently proclaimed November Adoption Awareness Month and praised the families who last year opened their homes to a record 4,293 children, while also noting that more than 700 Illinois children still await loving, permanent homes.

Throughout November the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the One Church One Child Program, the Child Care Association of Illinois and the Adoption Information Center of Illinois have planned numerous events that will help in the recruiting of prospective adoptive parents. Any of these agencies can be contacted for additional information.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is committed to finding safe and happy homes for the hundreds of children under state care who currently are available for adoption. Because of an increased emphasis by DCFS and private agency staff on permanent placement for children, adoptions nearly doubled in fiscal year 1998, when there were a record 4,293 adoptions, compared to fiscal year 1997, when 2,229 adoptions were finalized. Also in fiscal year 1998, an additional 1,129 children were transitioned into permanent homes under the department's new subsidized guardianship program.

"The child welfare system was never meant to be a permanent home for the 45,000

children in substitute care in Illinois," DCFS Director Jess McDonald said. "It is only a temporary placement until a child is either returned home, adopted or otherwise transitioned into a permanent home."

This year, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has set a goal of 6,000 adoptions, a target that is achievable due to the Permanency Initiative of 1997, which enacted reforms reducing the time frames in which to move children to permanence; performance contracting, which provides incentives to private agencies to move children from foster care to permanence; innovative recruitment programs like the Corporate Partnerships for the Recruitment of Adoptive Families; and partnerships with the Juvenile Courts, especially in Cook County, where presiding Judge Nancy Salyers has worked to expedite court processes.

Financial and technical adoption assistance may be available both before and after a child in DCFS care is adopted. Adoption is an option to all who qualify, including married couples, single males and females, renters and homeowners.

An adoption hot line, (800) 572-2390, is available to answer questions and to help families begin the adoption process.

## BBB: Beware when considering living trusts

The Better Business Bureau urges senior citizens who are considering setting up living trusts to use caution when dealing with North American Senior Association, all American Senior Association, Senior Information Center, and National Alliance of Senior Americans.

A living trust holds assets to be distributed after death, in most cases avoiding probate. Such assets can include investments, savings, and titles to cars and homes.

Consumers have reported to the BBB that they are contacted by phone or letter by a representative of one of the companies. If an appointment is arranged, a salesperson discusses memberships in the organization, which may include discounted travel services, prescriptions, and limited, pre-paid legal services, which could include a living trust. Membership costs range from \$495-\$895. An attorney then contacts the consumer if he or she wants a living trust. Some of the companies have solicited in Tennessee, Michigan and Indiana, in addition to Missouri and Illinois, according to consumers calling the BBB.

Two of these organizations, the NASA, of 1819 Clarkson Rd. Ste. 201, Chesterfield, Mo., and 805 W. Hwy 50, O'Fallon, Ill., and Advanced Marketing Concepts II, which does business as Senior Information Center at the O'Fallon address, have been sued by the attorneys general in Oregon and Illinois.

One complainant asked for a refund from NASA on behalf of her 87-year-old grandmother. The company told the BBB they would rescind the contract and refund the customer's money. However, the granddaughter states NASA did not follow through with their resolution as it was stated to the BBB.

Two members of the three-member boards of directors of AASA and NASA are the same, according to annual reports filed in 1998 with the Missouri secretary of state's office. The two organizations also share the same registered agent and office.

Some of the organizations also use an address of 1001 Craig Road, West St. Louis County, according to consumers.

Anyone considering a living trust should keep in mind the following:

### Center benefits from store sales

Don't miss this opportunity to join the Illinois Center for Autism and Borders Bookstore in Fairview Heights on Dec. 5 and 6 for "Benefit Days at Borders."

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### Bringing firesetters to light

Don Barnard, juvenile firesetter interventionist with the Edwardsville Fire Department, center, joins Elizabeth Sheppard, left, and St. Elizabeth Medical Center Chairman of the Board Sister Mary Thomas in examining a quilt with the names of more than 40 children who died in juvenile-related fires in 1991. The quilt is one of seven which traverse the state of Illinois, calling attention to the concern of young firesetters.



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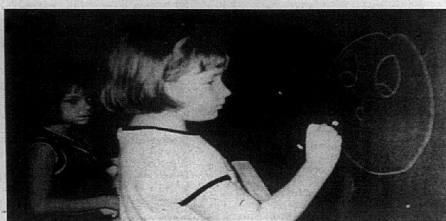
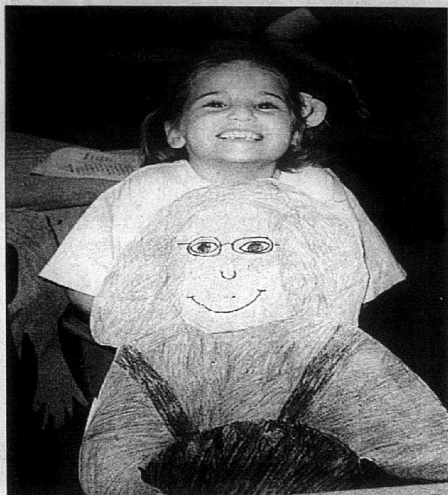
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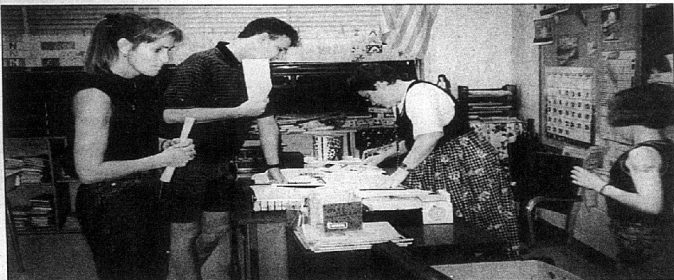


### Open house

Holy Family School recently held its first PSA meeting for 1998-99, along with an open house. Clockwise from middle top left, Loree Burns does some artwork; Students from Holy Family School take advantage of refreshment time; a family looks over a third-grade classroom; sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Heber goes over information with some parents; Mrs. Hillmer-McGee and her son look at a display of planets.



At top, Kira Long poses with her sister's drawing of herself. Above, new kindergarten teacher Ms. Favier and fourth-grader Hannah Foster.



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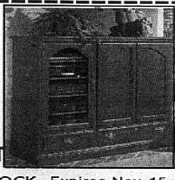
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### BAC team gets grant

Gov. Jim Edgar has announced \$2.5 million in grants for 27 community-based substance-abuse prevention programs as part of the Communities Can! program. The grants included Belleville Area College's Choice Team, which received \$113,000.

"Substance abuse continues to be one of the most serious threats to our young people," Edgar said. "Every day, in every Illinois community, thousands of young people are confronted with the decision of whether to use drugs. We need to do all we can to help them make the right choice."

Funding for Communities Can!, from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services. The grants will support existing community coalitions and collaborative efforts which use proven, research-based prevention efforts.

Three of every 10 Illinois 17-year-olds have tried marijuana in the past month, according to a recent DHS survey of Illinois students.

"The younger a child is when drug use starts, the more likely other serious problems will result," said DHS Secretary Howard Peters III. "Through the Communities Can! initiative, we'll work with communities which have already shown their ability to work together to address problems. Our goal is to significantly reduce drug use by the year 2000."

Communities Can! is part of Illinois Prevention 2000, a coalition led by the Governor's Office to develop a comprehensive statewide plan that will support, enhance and coordinate substance abuse prevention systems in Illinois.

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Michael Bowman and Cheryl Watkins, both of Staunton;  
Jason Braun and Rhonda Benson, both of Granite City;  
Danny Briggs Jr. and Jessica Auvenshine, both of Collinsville;  
Ruben Carranza and Cathy Neidhardt, both of Granite City;  
Kenneth Cave and Rebecca Walker, both of Granite City;  
Kevin Ebersohn and Lauri Berdick, both of Staunton;  
Timothy Galther and Dixie Bailey, both of Edwardsville;  
John Gibson of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., and Jennifer Rudy of Granite City;  
Charles Godsey and Vickie Schuman, both of Granite City;  
Ryan Hargrave and Michele Denny, both of Wood River;  
Eric Harnetiaux and Shari Leonard, both of Alton;  
William Hayes of Alton and Sandra Wilson of Berthoud;  
Shawn Heilman and Kerry Sowash, both of Collinsville;  
Richard Hansen and Karen Bonnewille, both of Berthoud;  
Richard Hunt Jr. and Rosemary Britts, both of Alton;  
Matthew Klamn and Stefanie Jacobs, both of Granite City;  
Michael Koch and Nancy Durell, both of Florissant, Mo.;  
Tavon Hughes of Shokola and Karyn Martin of Alton;  
Robert Koehler and Dana Revelle, both of Granite City;  
Terry Long and Tammy Downs, both of Granite City;  
Ronald Maher and Sheila Pen-

nell, both of Alton;  
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Dennis McClintock and Kathleen Brockman, both of East; **Matthew McQuire and Rebecca Segar**, both of Edwardsville;  
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Robert Null of Granite City and Laurie Morman of Maryville;  
Erik Olson of Lake Charles, La., and Maggie Messmer of Collinsville;  
Sean Peterson and Melanie Solomon, both of Granite City;  
John Perks and Jamie Geron, both of Moro;  
Timothy Peterson and Sylvia Gint, both of Edwardsville;  
Kenneth Ricks Jr. and Mary Halsey, both of Trenton;  
Robert Rogers of Collinsville and Christal Futrell of Troy;  
Timothy Spiewak and Jada Hernandez, both of Collinsville;  
John Stapleton and Heather Duncan, both of Collinsville;  
Henry Stitz of Fenton, Mo., and Debra Blin of Collinsville;  
Dale Storey and Lisa Pacheco, both of Granite City;  
Jimmy Stout Jr. of Collinsville and Shari Steinmetz of Edwardsville;  
Michael Summers and Camilla Williams, both of Granite City;  
Lance Taylor and Sonia Sabjion, both of Granite City;  
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Alexander Williams and Kimberly Stanley, both of Venice;  
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Ronald Wright and Denise Schlichter, both of Troy;  
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Timothy Ballard of East Alton and Allison Hagen of St. Louis;  
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Brian Dickmann of Edwardsville and Cherie Hosto of Glen Carbon;  
Jeffrey Erlich and Jana Griggs, both of Collinsville;  
Billy Fuller and Rhonda Vandergriff, both of Granite City;  
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Bryan Jubelt and Stefani Orider, both of Glen Carbon;  
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James Langenstein and Angel Leely, both of Caseyville;  
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Mark Little and Charley Lantz, both of Edwardsville;  
Jason Luther and Deseree Seymour, both of Collinsville;  
Ernest Matlock of St. Jacob and Rita Hardy of Highland;  
David May and Edie Wright, both of Troy;  
Jeffrey Watson and Sunny Bolling, both of Granite City;  
Reggie Weaver of Edwardsville and Amy Witchoer of Glen Carbon;  
Todd Weber and Theresa Price, both of St. Louis;  
Joshua Williams and Rahael Champion, both of Edwardsville.

## Targeting teachers won't help struggling students improve

"I don't want to go to school."  
"I don't like my teacher."  
"School is boring."  
Children's negative attitudes about school can be frustrating for parents who want to see them succeed in their studies. Most often, these attitudes are early warning signs that something isn't right at school, according to Diane Ryals, University of Illinois educator of family life and youth development.

"Procrastination, complaints that school is boring, stomach aches and other signs of stress can warn parents that something is going on at school or on the way to and from school that needs to be addressed," Ryals said. "By catching the early warning signs, you can help find the problem instead of waiting for failure."

The cause may change the child's whole attitude about school."

Negative attitudes may reflect a child's adjustment to a new teaching style or feeling friendless. A child may not like school because of a bully on the bus.

The first step parents can take is to contact the teacher to find out what the problem might be, suggested Ryals. If the problem is a subject the child is struggling with, parents might provide extra help with homework in that subject. A child who is bored with his or her schoolwork may need extra challenges or may need to be placed in an accelerated program.

"Parents don't know what is going on at school and don't see their children interacting with teachers and other students," said Ryals. "Too often, parents accuse the teacher when children have negative attitudes about school. Instead, it may be something that parents need to be doing at home, such as helping children with homework."

**"You might think a missed day of math isn't critical for your child's future. It's your attitude that school attendance isn't important that makes the difference."**

**Diane Ryals**  
Journal employee

Research shows that children are most successful in school when parents take the attitude of, "What can I do to help?" instead of accusing teachers of not doing their job.

Ryals warned that parents shouldn't give in and let their children stay home from school because they are having problems. Letting children stay home because it is convenient or because they want to stay home may make missing school routine.

Missing school in the early grades can have long-term effects. Studies have shown that high school graduates in the top quarter of their class missed one-third as many days in kindergarten compared to students who dropped out of school.

"You might think a missed day of math isn't critical for your child's future. It's your attitude that school attendance isn't important that makes the difference," Ryals said. "When children see that their parents value education, the kids do better in school."

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## Area K of C hosting running event Saturday

The O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Turkey Trot 3-mile run and 1-mile fun run will be Saturday. Starting time will be at 10 a.m. The 3 Mile Run will start at 10:30 a.m.

It will take place at O'Fallon City Park, Route 50, O'Fallon. Parking and restroom facilities will be available at the O'Fallon K of C Building, which is directly across from the O'Fallon Park.

Divisions both male and female ages: 15 and under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over.


Awards: The top 3 finishers in each division will receive trophies. The overall male and female winners will receive a trophy. The awards presentation will be in the O'Fallon K

of C Building. All Fun Run participants will receive ribbons. Entry fee is \$8. Make checks payable to the O'Fallon K of C, Box 142, O'Fallon, IL 62289. Race day entries will be \$9.

and late entries will sign up in the O'Fallon K of C Building. Registration will close at 9:30 a.m. First 300 entries will receive a long-sleeve winter running shirt.


The proceeds of the Turkey Trot will be given to the Southwestern Area 12, Special Olympic Fund.

For information call Turkey Trot director "Foz" Ryan at 632-5597. Refreshments will be served in the K of C building after the Trot. The races will be video-taped and replayed in the K of C Hall after the races.



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The good news is that time is your friend. With high-quality investments, the longer you invest, the more you spread your risk. Each year you give a good investment to grow, history shows the odds of winning get better.

Jeff Prosser is an investment representative with Edward Jones in Granite City.

## Splaingards celebrate 20 years of dentistry here

Drs. Kathy and Kent Splaingard are celebrating the 20-year anniversary of their Granite City dental practice.

Kent Splaingard began practicing dentistry in 1978 in association with Dr. Albert Trijan at 1820 Delmar. During that time, Kathy was doing postgraduate work with disabled veterans at the St. Louis Veterans Administration Hospital.

In 1981, they began their own practice together with locations in Granite City and Cahokia. This was a busy time for them as they were both working full time in the practices and teaching part time at Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine.

As the practices grew, a new office building was constructed at 1923 Johnson Road.



Drs. Kathy and Kent Splaingard pose with their dental practice staff, which includes Janene Allred, Michelle Gailey, Gayla Maxwell, Debbie Sedabres, Cindy Cochran, Patty Magourik, Sandy Denbow and Lilli Patterson.

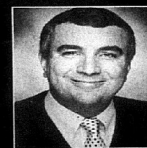
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# Legion Auxiliary holds district meeting

The fall meeting of the 22nd District American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Alton Little Theater in Alton on Oct. 25. Alton Unit 126 was the hostess group.

Mrs. Nan Paelitz, 22nd District president, presided at the meeting. The Department Caravan Team presented the programs for 1998-99 in the morning session.

Present were Mrs. Marilyn Lee, department first vice president of Illinois; Mrs. Marion Scherman, department first vice president of Libertyville; and Mrs. Betty Brennan, department membership chairman, of Schaumburg. Lunch was served to 48 members and attendance prizes awarded.

Officers and chairman presented reports and made recommendations for the coming year's activities.

Dona Tankersley, children and youth chairman, reported on several programs, namely, Christmas gifts for children in special homes in the 22nd District area; participation in the Special Olympics; and saving of good videotapes, Nintendo games and other items for the Children's

Miracle Network. There is a scholarship available for students interested in teaching Special Education.

Margaret Payne, education chairman, reviewed the scholarships available through the Auxiliary units. These are for children and grandchildren of veterans as well as veterans themselves.

Janice Kessler, Auxiliary emergency fund chairman, collected \$34,460 for this fund. This is one particularly for Auxiliary members in need. Priscilla Mathis, Haven chairman, reported in having new caretakers at the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake. She also announced their upcoming Egyptian Past Commanders and Past Presidents Jamboree in November at Carbondale.

Dorothy Hinson, Junior Adviser, announced the district juniors will entertain with refreshments and bingo at the Jefferson Barracks VA Nursing Home at 1 p.m. Dec. 12.

Marjorie Rosenthal, music chairman, spiced up the meeting both in the morning and afternoon sessions with songs for the theme this year, which is "In Spirit of Service, Shop for the Best for Our

Veterans and America!"

Deloris Godat, Mayfest chairman, announced the district will travel to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy May 17 for the fun day with the residents there called "Mayfest". There will be refreshments, games, and fun. This will be the 20th Mayfest.

Maxine Cress, membership chairman, announced the 22nd District is now fifth in the department. The division's percentage is now 72.75 percent.

Mary Eitzenhefer, national security chairman, asked units to observe, in some way, Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The McDonnell USO at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport is always in need of baby food items and snack foods. There will be a USO shower of items held at the mid-year meeting in February.

Edith Ruehrup, past presidents parley chairman, announced the District PPP dinner meeting will be held April 29 in Alhambra. Gifts for the women veterans at the John Cochran VA Hospital will be given at Thanksgiving, Easter and Valentine's Day.

Mary Lamoreaux, poppy chairman, urged all units to promote the poppy poster contest in the schools.

Mike Murphee, VA and R chairman, reminded units the schedule for parties at Jefferson Barracks Nursing Home at John Cochran VA Hospital is listed in the directory.

Nan Paelitz, district president, and Roger Mickelson, district commander, plan to have a joint project for the Alton Mental Health Center. Donations will be used to

purchase in this items such as television sets, videotapes and sports equipment. These items are to be used by the veterans in this facility.

Edith Ruehrup, past president, was a delegate to the department convention, held in Springfield in July. She made her report of this convention telling of the awards won by the chairman.

Nan Paelitz, present district president, was a delegate to the national convention, held in New Orleans in September. She reported on the awards and speakers from the national convention.

Recognition of the following was made: department past president Dorothy Hinson; six past Fifth Division presidents; 17 past district presidents; and 11 present unit presidents.

Prayers were given by the district chaplain, Adalaine Drury, at the beginning, at lunch, and at the end of the meeting.

Those present from the area were Joyce Pittenger, Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson of Venice-Madison Unit 307 and Rose Moreland and Betty Hardson of Granite City Unit 113.



## Kiwanis activities

At top, the Granite City Kiwanis Club recently held an installation meeting. Pictured, from left, are Randy Vollmar, president; Jerry Harrington, vice president; Sonny Ambuehl, treasurer; and Maxine Johnson, secretary. Above, Charlie Cross, Joe Evanson and Rhonda Hatfield (not pictured) volunteered to clean up a yard in town, one of many projects done by the Kiwanis.

## Meeting

Phi Tau Omega regular monthly meeting of Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority, was held held Nov. 4 at Charlie's Restaurant, hosted by Marguerite Lexow and Mary Lou Tonsick. A total of 12 members and a guest, Janet Belske, attended.

Preceding the buffet luncheon, a brief business meeting was held with President Ann McDowell presiding. Arrangements were finalized for the chapter's annual Christmas Party and hostess assignments for 1999 were distributed.

Card games occupied the afternoon with prizes awarded to all attending. Others present included June Drew, Helen Hoelscher, Dorothy Johannmeier, Millie Jungels, LaVeeda Knobbe, Elsie Rodell, Van Stratt and Mary Evalyne Yenchow.

## Skating lessons set

The Granite City Park District will offer ice-skating lessons for adults and children 4 years and up. Registration can be made at the Park office. Classes are being held on Saturdays. The cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

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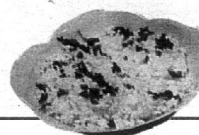
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# Today's Food

Today's Food on-line, [www.yourjournal.com](http://www.yourjournal.com)



## Heart-y Bites

North Americans think  
of rice more often

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## Food & Nutrition

### Wise Ways

Seasoning mixes are simply combinations of favorite flavors.

### Blue Ribbon Cook

A packet of cider mix provides spices that flavor winning cookies with dried apple and walnuts.

### Private Label Test Run

Instead of reaching for another cup of hot coffee to perk up an afternoon, a frothy glass of cool cappuccino, made with milk from the vending machine, nourishes and fills a hungry void. It comes from General Foods in two flavors.

### Micro Raves

Stuffing merits more attention than baking inside a bird and serving only for a holiday dinner.

### Lively Taste

Cajun flavors are a specialty of chef Billy Jacob, who developed a new non-fried line of foods for Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits. He says a big misnomer about food from the Louisiana region is all of it is hot. His peppery attitude stems from its near-tropical location, where hot food relieves hot bodies. Most of it is simple to make. Main ingredients are onions, bell pepper, celery and garlic, with seasonings of salt and red, black and white pepper. To build flavors, he says it is necessary to add peppers at the beginning of cooking, so the heat burns off and flavor remains. He cooks dishes like etouffée, including the vegetables, 45 minutes to 1 hour so flavors develop. He advises replacing unused pepper on the spice shelf every six months.

## Health & Fitness

### Medicine Chest

Allergists will man a toll-free hotline for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 1-877-263-7490. In addition to speaking with an allergist about such discomforts as watery eyes, sneezing and runny nose, callers will be mailed free follow-up educational information.

### Fresh Picks

There is good reason for Brussels sprouts to taste like cabbage, its cousin. These cruciferous vegetables rate high on the healthy scale, particularly in regard to cancer. Fall and winter are the season for Brussels sprouts. Choose them 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches in diameter, the smaller and younger the better. Pull off any loose outer leaves, trim stems and cut an X in the bottom of each to allow even cooking of core and leaves. Simmer them in boiling liquid 5 to 6 minutes. Add to other vegetables or serve alone, spiced with the likes of basil, chives, dill, parsley, rosemary or thyme. They also can be served lightly cooked, then chilled, with dip. Another day marinate them in an oil-and-vinegar dressing for salad.

### Big Fat Tip

A hearty baked potato with Dijon-chicken topping becomes a main dish. Combine 1 can (11-1/2 ounces) chunk chicken in water, drained, with 8 ounces frozen broccoli, thawed; 1/4 cup nonfat mayonnaise; 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard; and 1/2 teaspoon tarragon or basil. Season with pepper. Divide between 4 hot baked potatoes, cut in half lengthwise. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese. Heat about 6 minutes until potatoes and topping are hot and cheese melts.

### Future Shop

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently gave refined menhaden oil "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) status for use in other dishes — even ice cream or salad dressing — with its fishy taste and smell removed. This broadens the availability of omega-3s, the part of fish beneficial to health. The refined oil from this small, herring-like fish is believed beneficial against heart and kidney disease and arthritis.



By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

Entertaining isn't what it used to be. The "White House Cook Book" — with photos of Frances Folsom Cleveland and Carrie Scott Harrison — tells how corsage bouquets of no more than eight large roses tied together by silk ribbon and gentlemen's boutonnieres of one rosebud were to be placed at each guest's place.

Of course, the section on "canned fruits" tells how to can foods at home and there certainly is no section for dips or recipes using tortillas.

Entertaining guests is much simpler and more informal today. For many people, it is as simple as a loaf of bread, a bottle of wine and special people for sharing them.

Pollock meals are favorites. Hosts cook a pot of chili or stew, warm bread and chill beverages, while everyone else brings appetizers, salads and desserts they make or buy as specialties.

If serving wine, it need not be expensive. Everyone can sample varieties to find a favorite. A little wine cooked in a dish adds new hints of flavor, too.

For instance, vegetables can be sautéed in fat-free chicken broth or wine instead of butter to cut fat and still add flavor. No other flavor should overwhelm elements of the food, so start slowly with amounts of any seasoning.

Cheese dip is an easy start with baked tortilla chips, toasted bread strips and bite-size vegetables.

Heat 1 jar (12 ounces) cheese designed for melting, 1 cup canned black beans, 2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapeño pepper, 1/4 cup chopped roasted red pepper, 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion and 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh cilantro.

On a stovetop, warm the mixture over very low heat, stirring often. In a microwave oven, cook in 45-second increments, stirring after each interval, until hot.

Soup makes a warm welcome. This easy version of French Onion Soup gains depth from vegetable, rather than beef, broth.

Today's informal party will not be like dinner at the White House, where five glasses are lined up for specified varieties of wine.

If a soup is based on a light broth, like this onion soup, or one made with chicken or

fish broth, chardonnay is a good match, where neither soup nor the cool, crisp wine overwhelms the other. Cream-based soups often match red wines best. The creaminess of the soup becomes a full taste with the aid of a cabernet sauvignon or merlot.

Tomatoes and zinfandel pair classically, so that wine goes well with any soup made with tomato, like vegetable or minestrone.

There are many ways to add flavor without overdoing fat.

In a sauce, cream can be cut by using pureed potatoes or other vegetables or adding a classic thickener, like rice.

When adding heat, the goal is not spontaneous combustion. Add small amounts of a ready-made mixture, like chili powder or a Greek or Creole flavoring, that bursts, but doesn't burn, with instant recognition.

For basting or replacing a coating of butter, spray the bird with olive oil from a pump bottle or layer dough with butter-flavored nonstick cooking oil. Margarines in spray bottles, found in the dairy

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Saturday, Dec. 12, will be a red-letter day for aspiring architects of the Hansel and Gretel style. Children ages 8 to 12 will be chosen from entries to participate in the annual Shop 'n Save Gingerbread House Contest from 1 to 3 p.m. at Union Station.

To participate, children should send an entry blank or piece of paper with the same information, plus their drawing of a gingerbread-style holiday house they want to build, decorated with icing, candy canes, gumdrops, marshmallows and any other candy. Deadline for the Journal receiving the entry is Nov. 27.

Each "architect" chosen to participate will receive a \$5 gift certificate from Shop 'n Save to pay for decorations. They should bring decorations, plus kitchen utensils to "hammer" them together.

Suburban Journals, Shop 'n Save, KYYX-FM (98.1) and merchants at Union Station sponsor the event. Those chosen to participate will be notified about Dec. 5.

Mitch Unhardt Graphic



## Today's Food

## Rice, native of Asia, is also long-time American

By Cheryl Houston  
Correspondent

While rice is a food mainstay in many cultures around the world, it often is treated as an afterthought in U.S. cuisine. There is a lot of substance to this simple starch.

## HEART-Y BITES

Rice is a native of Asia, with evidence of its origin pointing to India. In spite of its early arrival to North America in 1694, rice maintains a casual existence on the majority of American dinner plates.

The three basic shapes of rice sold in the U.S. — long, medium and short grain — influence its cooking characteristics, rather than its nutritive value.

• Once cooked, long grain rice is fluffy and easy to separate. It is best used in salad, casseroles and stuffing for poultry and fish.

• Oval-shaped medium grain rice has a softer, fluffier texture suited for dishes like paella and risotto.

• Short grain rice is almost round. Its sticky personality is suited to Asian dishes, from sushi to dessert.

Compared to long grain rice, medium and short grain varieties require 1/4 to 1/2 cup less water per cup

of uncooked rice, so they take less time to cook.

Rice offers more nutrition than shallow calories, so it makes a good food choice. Brown rice offers higher levels of vitamins, minerals and fiber than white rice. It has a chewier, nuttier flavor than polished rice. Its single disadvantage is a longer cooking time, but quick-cooking brown rice cuts down on the time.

Other rice varieties have distinctive appearance, flavor, texture and aroma. Basmati rice, native to India and Pakistan, can be brown or white in a long grain. It gives Indian pilaf its characteristic texture and memorable fragrance.

Red and black rice from Thailand appear on supermarket shelves, too. They come in a variety of grain sizes. Because the bran layer is left on, they usually take longer to cook.

From the U.S. comes aromatic rice. A basmati-like rice grows in Texas, wehani grows in California and Louisiana pecan comes from that state.

Popular wild rice is not really rice, but the seed of a native American, aquatic grass. Justifying its high price, a little wild rice goes a long way because it expands to four times its original volume.

The whole family will be attracted to the colors in

Speckled Rice. For a little adventure, use an exotic, aromatic rice.

Registered dietitian Cheryl Houston is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

## SPECKLED RICE

2 1/2 tbsp. margarine  
1 cup uncooked long-grain rice (not instant, precooked or parboiled)  
2 3/4 cups nonfat chicken broth  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/2 tsp. salt, if desired  
6 green onions, sliced  
1 pkg. (10 oz. size) frozen chopped spinach, thawed

In large saucepan, melt margarine over medium heat. Increase heat to medium-high. Add rice. Using wooden spoon, cook and stir 3 minutes. Remove from heat.

Stir in broth, pepper and salt. Return to heat. Cook, covered, 20 minutes until broth is absorbed. Stir in green onion and spinach.

Makes 6 servings; 171 calories, 5 g protein, 25 g carbohydrate, 6 g fat, no cholesterol and 413 mg sodium each (without added salt).

## 'Tis the seasonal time to be stuffing or dressing

By Barb Gray  
Correspondent

Stuffing is the right word to use for a savory mixture of foods that fills fish, poultry, meat or vegetables. The food which holds the stuffing, traditionally called dressing, shares its flavor, while the stuffing helps hold the total shape.

## MICRO RAVES

Stuffing need not always be used as a filling. In fact, food safety experts advise stuffing be cooked separately so it gets hot enough on the inside to kill food-borne bacteria.

It makes an side dish as excellent protein extender with almost any meat or fish. Recipes are available, but often stuffings are not prepared according to a

precise formula, with each occasion open to interpretation.

Bread, rice, cornbread, potatoes, corn, ground meat, wild rice, sauerkraut and macaroni can become a base for a stuffing. They are seasoned with salt, spices, herbs and chopped fruits and vegetables. Some fat — such as butter, sausage, bacon, cheese or meat drippings — is added to the stuffing.

Olives, clams, chestnuts, oysters, nuts, mushrooms, apples, prunes, mint, shrimp, pickles and anchovies are among the wide variety of standards that add flavor and texture. Eggs or broth are used for a moist stuffing.

While stuffing ingredients and flavorings are a matter of personal taste, a general rule is rich meats and fish require simple or fruity

stuffings, while plain lean meats and fish gain succulence from a rich stuffing. Whatever the kind of stuffing, it should be well seasoned.

This recipe — with tasty pork sausage, apple, celery and onion — is quick and easy to make. It comes from the Microwaving America's Favorites.

Certified family and consumer scientist Barb Gray specializes in microwave cooking.

## SAUSAGE AND APPLE STUFFING

8 oz. pork sausage  
1 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine  
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms  
1 medium unpeeled apple, chopped  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning  
1/2 tsp. crushed sage  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
5 cups unseasoned whole wheat and white bread croutons  
3/4 cup ready-to-serve chicken broth

Crumble sausage directly into 1-quart casserole or microwave-safe colander. Microwave, covered, on high power 3 to 5 minutes until sausage is no longer pink, stirring once to break apart. Drain.

Combine butter, mushrooms, apple, celery and onion in 2-quart casserole. Microwave, covered, on high power 7 to 9 minutes, stirring once, until celery is tender.

Stir in sausage, salt, poultry seasoning, sage, pepper and croutons. Mix well. Pour broth evenly over mixture. Stir to moisten. Microwave, covered, on high power 3 to 5 minutes until heated through, stirring once.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

## Cool drink gives punch of coffee

Some people get a boost from candy, others from coffee. Another group looks at icy drinks with caffeine for pick-me-ups. Tasters tried Cappuccino Coolers in

## TEST RUN

French vanilla and hazelnut flavors to see what kind of punch they offer.

Priced at \$1.99 at Diebergs for a package of six individual dry mix packets, the General Foods product is supposed to be mixed with 1 cup of cold milk and stirred until it dissolves. Serving over ice is optional and any milk, including skim, "tastes delicious," according to the label, although two percent milk is recommended.

"Rich and filling" was the summation of one tester. Another called it "smooth and creamy." "As a coffee drinker and occasional hot cappuccino drinker, I still prefer it warm. But the Cappuccino Cooler was delicious, sweet but not too sweet and just enough of a coffee flavor," he said.

Several were guided by their preference for cappuccino drinks. "I like the cold version better than the packets intended for hot," a drink taster said.

As with other cappuccino drinks, she liked this one with plenty of milk.

Another tester said, "I



Some people prefer their cappuccino rich, cold and nourishing with real milk.

generally drink a diet Coke in the afternoon, but I'd rather invest in this with low-fat milk, since I need more calcium anyway. I love anything on ice, so this dissolved in a glass of milk went a long way toward giving me real nourishment."

Several said they enjoyed the fragrance of the hazelnut as much as its flavor. Although the hazelnut flavor disappeared first, no one gushed over that flavor over the French vanilla.

"It was the creaminess of the drink, made with two percent milk, that first was most noticeable," a taster said.

Its sweetness — sugar is the first ingredient

listed — was most apparent to one person who does not usually choose sweet drinks.

"It had the same aftertaste of sweetness that I don't like," she said, registering an objection to the product.

Only one tester found the drink mix hard to dissolve. He decided his small glass added to the dilemma.

"Eight ounces is a very tiny drink to me. There must be a cheaper form of this drink. Perhaps a tin or jar with a little scoop would save packaging costs and offer a larger portion," he suggested. If he would try it again, he would heat it.

## The Best

Continued from page 1 department, also give a fine mist to lighten the effect with familiar flavor.

• If using butter or margarine, melt it first, so less can be used. It spreads farther and permeates the rest of the food.

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## VEGGIE GUMBO

2 tbsp. vegetable or olive oil  
4 cups frozen okra  
3 cups sliced onion  
2 cups chopped green bell pepper  
2 cups sliced celery  
1 tsp. minced garlic  
1/2 cup merlot wine  
5 cups vegetable broth  
2 tsp. Cajun seasoning  
1/2 cup flour  
2 cup chopped fresh zucchini  
2 cups frozen corn

Heat oil in large stockpot. Add 2 cups okra, 2 cups onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic. Cook over medium-high heat 7 to 10 minutes, letting vegetables soften and stick a little to bottom of pan.

Scrape this browning off with spoon. This caramelization helps create the flavor.

Add wine and 1/2 cup broth, continuing to scrape vegetable bits into mixture. Add flour. Stir. Allow all liquid to be absorbed or evaporated and continue stirring.

Stir in flour. Add remaining broth, okra and onion, zucchini and corn. Reduce heat to medium. Cook 15 minutes longer.

Serve gumbo over rice, if desired.

Makes 8 servings; 276 calories, 9 g protein, 47 g carbohydrate, 7 g fat, no cholesterol, 1,130 mg sodium and 6 g dietary fiber each.

## SNACKIN' SANDWICH ROLLS

4 (12 inch) flour tortillas, flavored if available  
4 tbsp. cream cheese, softened  
8 slices turkey cold-cuts  
8 slices provolone cheese  
1 head butterleaf lettuce  
1/2 cup thinly sliced onion rings  
1 cup thinly sliced tomato  
Salt and pepper, if desired

Place square piece of plastic wrap on counter to prepare each roll. Lay tortilla flat on plastic. Spread entire tortilla with thin layer of cream cheese.

On bottom half of tortilla, layer, in order, turkey, cheese, lettuce, onion and tomato. Add salt and pepper.

Pick up near corners of plastic wrap and roll tortilla filling-first, using plastic to pull tortilla tight without wrapping into sandwich.

Wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

As guests arrive, remove plastic and slice each tortilla in 4 pieces. Arrange on plate. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 servings; 222 calories, 16 g protein, 13 g carbohydrate, 12 g fat, 39 mg cholesterol, 782 mg sodium and 1 g dietary fiber each.

Variations: Use favorite sandwich ingredients, like ham and Swiss cheese with mustard, onion and romaine; tuna with lettuce, pickle and onion; or an antipasto version with salami, asiago cheese, olives, roasted red peppers and olive oil. Cream cheese holds roll closed in all versions.

## FRENCH ONION SOUP

8 medium white or yellow onions  
1 tbsp. oil  
6 tbsp. flour  
6 cups vegetable broth  
1/2 cup chardonnay wine  
2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. white pepper  
6 slices (1/2 inch thick) French baguette  
6 tbsp. freshly grated parmesan cheese  
Finely chopped parsley

Slice onion in half-rings about 1/4-inch thick. In large saucepan over medium heat, saute onion in oil about 20 minutes until onion is tender, transparent and slightly golden.

Add flour and stir. Cook 2 to 3 minutes. Add broth and wine. Over medium-low heat, continue cooking, covered, 30 minutes longer. Stir occasionally to prevent burning.

When soup is done, add salt and pepper, adjusting seasoning to taste.

Whisk soup, preheat broiler. On baking sheet, toast bread under broiler until golden brown on both sides. Set aside.

Place soup in oven-proof bowls. Place 1 toasted baguette on top of each serving of soup. Sprinkle grated cheese evenly over toast and top of soup.

Place bowls in broiler to melt and brown cheese slightly. Garnish with parsley.

Makes 6 servings; 210 calories, 7 g protein, 33 g carbohydrate, 5 g fat, 4 mg cholesterol, 974 mg sodium and 4 g dietary fiber each.

## Contest winner named

The name of the winner of the rice category of the Eating Right Contest, Marilyn Maldonado of Kirkwood, was omitted from last week's story. The Journal regrets the error.

Judges chose her winning recipe, Wild Rice and Caramelized Onion Saute, because of its uniqueness and up-to-date image for healthy eating. It is reprinted in its entirety.

## WILD RICE AND CARAMELIZED ONION SAUTE

2 cups low-fat chicken broth  
1/2 cup uncooked brown rice  
1/2 cup uncooked wild rice  
3 tbsp. olive oil  
3 medium onions, sliced in thin wedges  
2 tsp. brown sugar  
1 pkg. (6 oz.) sweetened dried cranberries  
1/2 tsp. finely grated orange zest

In medium saucepan, bring chicken broth and brown and wild rice to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, 45 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed.

Heat olive oil in medium skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion and brown sugar 6 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and onion is translucent.

Reduce heat to low. Slowly cook onion, stirring often, 25 minutes or until caramel-colored. Stir in dried cranberries. Cook, covered, over low heat 10 minutes or until cranberries swell.

Gently fold cranberry mixture and orange zest into cooked rice.

Makes 6 servings; 211 calories, 8 g fat (2 g saturated), less than 1 mg cholesterol and 266 mg sodium each.

# Apple cookies a faraway family hit

Kathy Emmart, St. Charles, is winner of this week's recipe contest for Autumn Apple Cookies. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

She says one of her "mom things" is to bake and send these cookies several times a year to her adult son, Micah, in Seattle, Wash. The cookies are good "senders" because they stay moist in the mail. She concocted them by combining several recipes. By making them before they must be used, they have time to amalgamate the flavors derived from walnuts, dried apples and

raisins, and a packet of seasoning mix for apple cider.

This month's contest is for any food that uses red or green ingredients, to help others along with their table and menu design for the holidays. A single recipe should be postmarked by Nov. 30 and sent to: Red or Green Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net. Each Wednesday in December a winner will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. That means there will be

five winners.

As usual, the history of the recipe will be considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source. Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the Journal you receive. Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special. Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their

prize-winning publication date.

## AUTUMN APPLE COOKIES

- 2 cups uncooked quick-cooking oats
- 1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt

- 1 cup oil
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 envelope spiced apple cider drink mix
- 1/2 cups flour
- 1 bag (6 oz.) dried apple, coarsely chopped or snipped with kitchen shears
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup raisins, if desired

Preheat oven to 375°. In large bowl, mix together oats, brown sugar,

eggs, baking powder, salt, oil, vanilla and cider mix until well blended. Stir in flour, apple, walnuts and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoonful onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven to 12 minutes until lightly browned, being careful fruit does not burn on edges of cookies. Remove from baking sheets to cool on racks. Makes 3 1/2 to 4 dozen.

## Simple ingredients blend to shortcut cooking time

By Mary Schroeffer Correspondent

A dash of an herb or spice improves just about any food. For instance, consider the aroma cinnamon gives to apple pie and sweet rolls, or think about walking through the door at home as garlic and thyme issue an invitation to sample beef stew.

### WISE WAYS

Single spices are ready, like little robots, to come to a cook's aid at a moment's whim.

They should be stored away from light and heat, so keep them away from a range or oven. Carefully close containers after each use to protect them from strong light and moisture. If a spice or herb is seldom used, wrap it tightly in a freezer bag or a jar to store in the freezer.

To check if a spice is fresh, rub a little of it between the palms and breathe in the aroma. Where is that aroma, you say? Then it is time to replace it with a fresh, fragrant supply. Dried herbs are stronger than fresh, so substitute 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf herb for 2 teaspoons of its minced fresh version.

To release their flavorful essence, crush all leaf herbs — like thyme,

oregano, basil or rosemary — before using them, either by rubbing between the palms or using a mortar and pestle. Wash hands well after handling spices and keep them away from the eyes.

Spice blends add quick flavor to everyday foods without extended measuring or keeping an extensive array of fresh herbs on hand.

What is in those blends? Nothing that a cook cannot mix at home.

**Apple Pie Spice:** For 1 teaspoon apple pie spice, blend together 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon cardamom. A pinch of allspice is optional.

**Chili Powder:** A blend of chili peppers, onion, cumin, garlic, oregano, cayenne and black peppers and caraway seed.

**Poultry Seasoning:** Blend of sage, thyme, marjoram, savory, black pepper, coriander, allspice and, sometimes, rosemary.

**Pumpkin Spice Blend:** To yield 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice, blend together 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon, 3/4 teaspoon ginger, 1/4 teaspoon clove or allspice, and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.

**Italian Seasoning Mix:** Use this mix in tomato sauce — 2 tablespoons dried minced onion, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon oregano, 1/2

teaspoon basil, 1/4 teaspoon thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt and, if desired, 1/4 teaspoon cumin.

**Fines Herbs:** Usually a blend of 1 tablespoon each of four fresh herbs — parsley, tarragon, chives and chervil, finely chopped. Add at the last minute to cooked sauce, soup, a cheese dish or a non-sweet egg dish.

**Five-Spice Powder:** Grind 1 tablespoon Chinese star anise, 1 tablespoon fennel, 1 tablespoon pepper, 1 tablespoon cloves and 1 tablespoon cinnamon into a powder. Use to flavor Chinese foods.

**Sweet Curry:** Mix together 1 tablespoon ginger, 1 tablespoon coriander, 1 tablespoon cardamom, 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper and 3 tablespoons turmeric. Use as desired.

**Hot Curry:** Mix together 4 tablespoons turmeric, 4 tablespoons coriander, 4 tablespoons cumin, 2 tablespoons ginger, 2 tablespoons peppercorns, 1 tablespoon dried hot peppers, 1 tablespoon fennel, 1/2 tablespoon dry mustard, 1/2 tablespoon poppy seeds, 1/2 tablespoon cloves and 1/2 tablespoon mace.

Home economist Mary Schroeffer is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

### HOT SPICED TEA

Tie 1 teaspoon whole cloves and 1 stick cinnamon in piece of cheesecloth. Add to 4 quarts cold water. Bring to rolling boil. Remove from heat. Add 4 rounded tablespoons tea or 12 tea bags. Let stand 5 minutes to brew. Stir.

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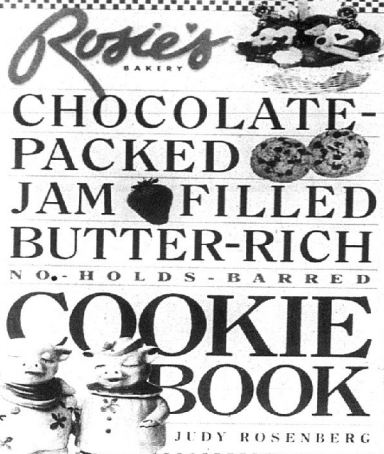
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With the holidays approaching, it's time for those special treats — rich, buttery, over-the-top treats for which mothers and grandmothers everywhere are famous. From chocolate chips and chocolate chunks to mounds of jams and heaps of nuts, the butter crunch of real shortbread and the tender chew of a gooey bar are hard to resist.

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### ROCKY ROAD TASTY TEAM TREATS

- 1½ cups finely crushed, thin pretzels or pretzel sticks
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  - 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed (not evaporated) milk
  - 1 pkg. (10 oz.) mini Kisses semisweet baking pieces
  - 3 cups mini marshmallows
  - 1½ cups coarsely chopped pecans or pecan pieces
- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Combine pretzels and

melted butter in small bowl. Press evenly on bottom of prepared pan. Spread sweetened condensed milk evenly over pretzel layer, then layer evenly, in order, with baking pieces, marshmallows and pecans. Press down firmly onto pecans.

Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan. Cut in bars. Makes about 36 bars.

### NEVER-FAIL SWEET POTATO PIE

- ¼ cup (½ stick) butter or margarine, softened
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 can (15 oz.) cut yams, drained, mashed
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 (9 in.) unbaked pie shell

Preheat oven to 400°. Cream butter with sugar. Stir in eggs. Add sweet potatoes. Mix well. Add cinnamon and cornstarch. Stir in milk, vanilla and salt until thoroughly mixed. Pour into pie shell. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Lower heat to 350°. Cook 20 to 30 minutes until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 8 servings.

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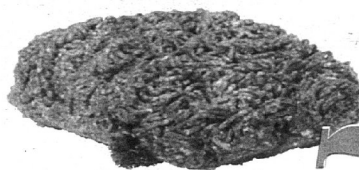
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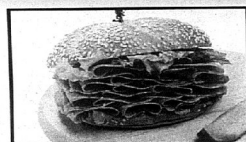
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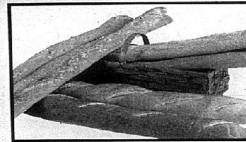
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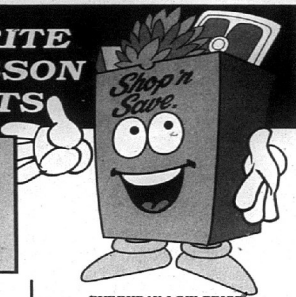
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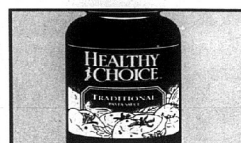
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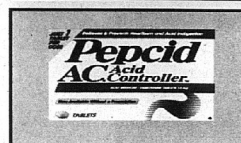
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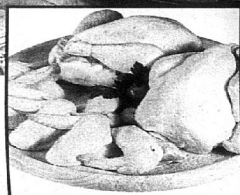
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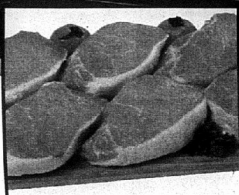
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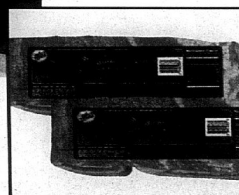
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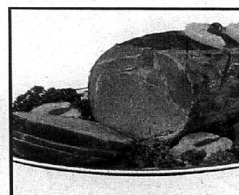
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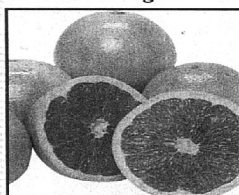
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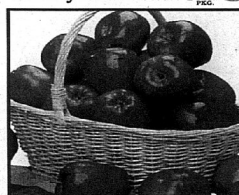
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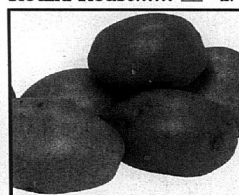
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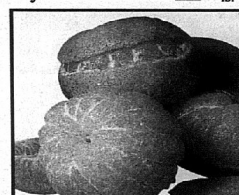
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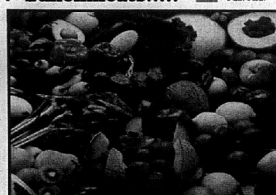
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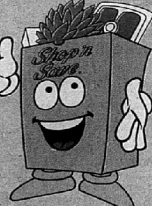
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## Grand Am GT



### GT version of Grand Am is for spirited driving

By Tom Strongman

The youthful and aggressive styling of Pontiac's Grand Am is emphasized in the GT version, which is a bona fide eye-catcher. Available in both coupe and sedan models, the GT tilts toward performance with a 175-horse V-6, four-wheel disc brakes and a suspension tuned for sharper responses. The front fascia has large, round fog lights, and the twin port grill is an intake for a fresh-air induction system that accounts for the 5-horsepower increase over the standard V-6.

Ribs on the lower body cladding are smoother and less pronounced than those on the Grand Am SE, and a deck-lid spoiler is standard. Sixteen-inch, star-shaped alloy wheels are shod with low profile tires.

The Grand Am rides on a 107-

inch wheelbase and shares most of its mechanical components and basic body structure with the Oldsmobile Alero. Even though its wheelbase is up by 3.6 inches, overall length is only one-half inch greater. This was accomplished by moving the wheels out closer to the corners of the vehicle, creating more room inside for passengers.

Under the new body, engineers crafted a structure that is stiffer than many of its competitors and comparable to the Oldsmobile Aurora. This stiffness has a number of benefits, such as reducing the chances for squeaks and allowing the suspension to be tuned for a more compliant ride. The independent rear suspension, based on a tri-link design like the one on the Grand Prix, yields a major improvement in ride quality as well as handling. Rear wheel travel is 25 percent greater.

The GT's suspension is tuned to

be firmer than the SE, to be sure, but not firm enough to be objectionable. On choppy city streets, the Grand Am felt composed, in turns, it sat fairly flat.

The Grand Am's interior looks as boldly striking as the exterior, particularly the two large pods that hold the instrument cluster. The gauges bear a striking resemblance to the ones in the Corvette. Upon turning the key, the needles do a neatly synchronized sweep before settling down. To eliminate squeaks, the gauge cluster is completely mounted in rubber, and dash wiring is wrapped in cloth to reduce the chance of noise.

The soft-touch, leather-like texture of the instrument panel is a vast improvement over the older model. Large, round "eyeball-type" air outlets feel as if they are mounted in liquid when twisted to direct airflow.

While the test car was in my possession I had occasion to put four other adults inside for a short ride. The three who inhabited the back seat were squeezed pretty tight, partially due to the coupe's sloping roofline.

The 175-horsepower, 3.4-liter V-6 derived from the Trans Sport minivan is used in both the Grand Am and the Alero. It propels the 3,061-pound coupe to 60 mph in less than eight seconds.

Handy items include a stainless steel exhaust system, two-side galvanized body panels for better rust protection; battery-run-down protection; a removable cover for the license plate pocket in the front fascia; rear cornering lamps that project light at 45 degrees for backing up; daytime running lights with automatic light control; programmable power door locks; and an oil-life monitor that tells when the oil needs to be changed based on how the car has been driven.

The base price of our test car was \$20,570. Optional equipment included the AM/FM stereo with compact disc player and an alarm.

The sticker price was \$21,305. The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

#### Engine:

3.4-liter, V-6

#### Transmission:

Automatic

#### Wheelbase:

107 inches

#### Curb Weight:

3,091

#### Base Price:

\$20,570

#### Price as Driven:

\$21,305

#### MPG Estimate:

20 city, 28 highway

## Points & Plugs

Many people fondly remember Corvette Stingray

By Rick Stoff

The dreamiest machine of all time — as far as current Internet-surfing car nuts are concerned — is a Chevrolet Corvette Stingray built in the 1960s.

Nearly 20,000 people answered a call for votes on the History Channel Online web site. About 3,200 of them voted for the Stingray. Second was the AC Cobra 427 sports car, which received 2,900 votes. The early Ford Mustangs were third, and the Ford GT40 racing cars were fourth.

Tied for fifth were the Datsun (now Nissan) 240Z and the Porsche 911 Carrera RS.

The American dream lives: Where else but America could a boy born in a small town in Michigan grow up to become president of Ford Motor Co. and co-owner of the Detroit Lions football team by the age of 41? But that's the story of William Clay Ford Jr., who has worked very hard to overcome the disadvantages associated with being the great-grandson of the company's founder, Henry Ford.

This may be a first: A German car company building vehicles in the U.S. is adding manufacturing capacity in Europe to meet healthy product demand. The Mercedes-Benz M-class sport-utility vehicles are built exclusively in Alabama, but demand is so high the company needs to expand production. It will do so at a plant in Austria that builds minivans for Chrysler. Chrysler and Daimler-Benz merged this summer.

Styling is back: Volvo dealers are crediting the sexy good looks of their new vehicles with dramatically increased sales. Volvo built a loyal customer base with boxy, sturdy and safe machines, but saw its sales plummet when other companies started building sturdy and safe vehicles that also were pleasant to view.

Volvo sales fell to 64,000 cars in the U.S. in 1991, but the company expects to sell more than 100,000 this year. A Volvo designer recently told Newsweek magazine, "We didn't want people to walk into a Volvo dealership anymore thinking they wanted the car in spite of its design. We want people to walk in and say they really want the car."

People in North America are a lot brighter than people in Europe and South America, at least when it comes to the colors they choose for new cars.

PPG Industries, the world's largest supplier of automotive paints, reported that green, white and red are now the most popular vehicle colors in North America. Car buyers in western Europe prefer shades in the black-gray-silver range.

Green is hitting its popularity peak in North America and is expected to be replaced with a new set of teal colors.

Japanese motorists also like the current black-silver offerings, but like white and blue. So South Americans are known for their vivid color preferences in clothing and architecture, but also are favoring silver and gray shades these days.

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
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# Hardwoods continue to define popular country look

Homeowners want look, feel of idealized rural life

When it comes to home decorating, Americans love their country. From the toniest suburban luxury homes to the most refined urban apartments, many homeowners want the look and feel of an idealized rural life.

Designers and editors interviewed recently by the Hardwood Manufacturers Association (HMA) say that country is becoming sparser and more elegant. They also agree that solid hardwoods, like oak, birch or cherry in floors, cabinetry and furniture, will continue to define the style.

"Wood is one of the all-time classic materials," says Gary McKay, home editor for Country Home magazine. "People can't get enough of it in their homes. They like plank floors, furniture, four-poster beds. You can't say enough about the importance of wood to the country look. A healthy respect for wood is a big part of country design."

New York designer Margo Gunther, ASID, concurs. "Hardwood floors are very much the thing right now. You

don't see tile, you don't see carpeting. In the kitchen, you see solid hardwood cabinetry."

**What is country?**

What defines a country interior? The experts offer different explanations, but they all point to a sense of nostalgia.

"Country is marked by a respect for history, involving a combination of old and new things," says McKay. "It's a feeling for the handmade, the craft, the things that actually were assembled by people for people."

for country's continued popularity is its focus on a casual, comfortable lifestyle.

"It emphasizes what's human about objects. People find it very fresh and livable to mix all kinds of styles," says Marc Straits, a designer in Chicago.

"People want a look that they define as comfortable, welcoming and suitable for family and friends," says McKay. "Country is less a specific kind of style than a creation of a welcoming atmosphere."

Solid hardwood floors and furniture, which both are durable and easy to maintain, are at the center of this comfortable approach to home

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designer, ASID

decorating.

"One wants easy living, which is manifested in natural materials like solid hardwoods," says Rose Bennett Gilbert, associate editor for the Country Decorating Ideas and Country Almanac, two of the many magazines devoted to the country style.

**New trends**

The origin of country can be traced as far back as America's Centennial celebration in 1876. That's when Americans first began to realize they have a "collectible" national identity and developed a nostalgia built around the Colonial New England farm.

Throughout the 20th century, the look has grown in popularity, especially since the 1970s. Today, a continued backlash against the extravagantly decorated interiors of

the 1980s has made country more popular than ever before. But, the look is taking a new form.

"We are going to a more elegant country. That would mean less rustic, more refined," says Bennett Gilbert, who cautions against overdone touches like filling a room with too many teddy bears. "Cute country is gone. It can be whimsical, but it shouldn't be cheap."

"Country now is anything that just isn't slick," says Straits. "It's anything that has texture, a human element to it. It's mixing all kinds of things. Maybe African baskets with American quilts. Things people never would have done before."

Solid hardwoods are helping to define the simple elegance that will see country into the next century, in part because they are extremely versatile and serve a multitude of design functions.

"Hardwood floors tend to really anchor a space," says Straits. "With hardwood floors, you have the option of using area rugs to pull together different elements in a room."

Straits also draws on solid hardwood moldings in creating a country interior. "By using solid hardwood moldings and chair rails, you can spread the look around the entire room."

"Another place where wood is very nice is in a raised or recessed-panel door," says Gunther. "Especially oak, because it's a strong wood."

Solid hardwood furniture, especially any piece that is, or resembles, an antique, continues to be important to the look, but now the trend is toward functionality.

"When I first meet with a client, one of the first things we discuss is the furniture," says Straits. "Spaces are getting smaller, rooms have more storage. I have to consider all of these when helping someone choose the right storage pieces."

"A table has to work for many purposes," says Gunther. "A nice, old, splintery table is wonderful, but you probably also are going to use your table for a desk. Your children are going to do their homework on it. You have to consider all of its uses."

## Wallpaper stripes popular again

Patterns liven up plain, ordinary walls

What's hot in home decorating? Stripes, according to experts at Thibaut Wallcoverings, a national manufacturer of wallpapers, borders and fabrics.

However, it's more than just traditional stripe patterns regaining popularity.

"It's an expansion on the motif in which stripes are embellished with interesting tonal and textural looks," says Stacy Senior, marketing manager for Thibaut.

"In newer wallpaper collections you see a wide variety of looks accomplished with stripes — there are thin, ribbed stripes resembling canyons, stripes with transparent leaf-print or diamond-shaped overlays, stripes resembling woven silk, linen and more fabrics, and striped tone-on-tone damasks," she explains.

These interesting stripe patterns liven up plain, ordinary walls and, for some, they're not as scary to decorate with as

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Stacy Senior  
marketing manager, Thibaut Wallcoverings

compared to more dynamic floral, architectural or scenic patterns. They also coordinate well with colorful wallpaper, border and fabric designs in adjoining rooms.

New tonal and textural stripe designs are found in soft, earthy colors like celery and sage greens, butter yellow, deep Tahoe blue, and spice tones. "Rich reds and burgundies also are selling well," Senior says.

Designers at Thibaut attribute the new look in stripes to the popularity of faux-finished painted effects.

"Consumers like the gentle mottled look achieved with faux painting," says Senior. "But, 'sponging' and 'ragging' techniques have become very commonplace and a little boring. After all, the look is everywhere — including malls, restaurants and hair salons. We see homeowners moving on to a more

progressive use of tonal and texture design, and finding it in these new striped wallpapers, which provide a more unique and sophisticated style."

Homeowners are growing tired of the experimental, wandering and non-predictable look of faux painting — they are seeking clean lines and a more tailored look," she says.

Homeowners can find this new look in a number of Thibaut wallpaper collections, including Revival and Stripes is a new collection that offers a variety of soft, rich stripe patterns perfect for elegant or casual settings.

Thibaut collections are available nationally through designers and fine wallpaper and decorating retail outlets.

## Homes need pre-winter tune-up

**'I'**f you have a heat pump, clean leaves and debris away from the outdoor unit.

What do your car and your house have in common? First, there is a motor at the heart of each, with moving parts, belts, filters and lubricants that need to be checked before winter hits.

Second, the odds of a breakdown inevitably seem related to how lousy the weather is, how little time you have to deal with it, and how much the repair bill will hurt. So, take action. Use this basic heating-system checklist from the Perfect Climate system experts at Honeywell to give your home a simple pre-winter tune-up.

1. Have your central heating system professionally cleaned and serviced. It only needs these services once a year under normal conditions — but it needs to be done.

2. Put in a new furnace filter or wash the cells on a whole-house electronic air cleaner before the heating season begins. Reset the process at least once every three months, or more often if regular oil and filter changes for your car.

3. Replace or clean your whole-house humidifier pad. Most newer models use replaceable pads. Clean the water tube opening to remove any sediment buildup. Turn on

the water supply to the humidifier.

4. If you heat with LP gas or fuel oil, check to see that the tank is filled before the heating season begins. Call your fuel supplier to arrange for delivery.

5. If you have a heat pump, clean leaves and debris away from the outdoor unit.

6. Move the thermostat system selector switch from the "cooling" to the "heating" position. If your central heating/cooling system has automatic changeover, leave the system switch in the "auto" position.

7. If you don't have a programmable (setback) thermostat, get one. If you use the programming feature, this kind of thermostat can help knock 16 percent to 33 percent off your annual heating and cooling bills. With older models, you may need to change the batteries and adjust the setbacks for the change to daylight-saving time. A programmable thermostat will save time and trouble — it requires no batteries and

adjusts automatically to changes in seasons.

8. You can increase your contribution to conserving energy and protecting the environment when you use 8 to 10-degree setbacks on your thermostat for the daily periods in your home when everyone is asleep or away. Once it's programmed, a setback thermostat will do this automatically. If you don't have one, try to remember to do it manually before you leave for the day and when you go to bed.

For safety's sake, always call for professional service if there is a problem with your heating/cooling system.

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## Illinois corn growers may benefit from development of new ethanol-blended fuel

The development of a new ethanol-blended diesel fuel is welcome news for the Illinois economy, according to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community

Affairs. Illinois is the leading producer of ethanol in the United States, with an annual production of more than 600 million gallons.

"This fuel has tremendous

potential for reducing emissions from heavy-duty trucks and urban transit buses, as well as increasing the demand and use of ethanol in the transportation sector," said DCCA Director Norm Sims.

"As the leading producer of ethanol and one of the leading producers of corn in the country, the increased use of ethanol will have a significant effect not only on Illinois' rural

economy, but on the economies of other agricultural states."

The initial fuel formulation will be composed of 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent #2 diesel fuel, and 5 percent blending agent and cetane improver.

The special additive developed by Pure Energy Corporation of New York is designed to keep the two fuels from separating under adverse conditions.

"The additive developed by

Pure Energy represents a significant breakthrough in blending two different fuels, such as ethanol and diesel," said Ibrahim Ahmed, Senior Vice President and Chief Science Officer of Pure Energy Corporation.

"We will be able to take full advantage of the benefits of each fuel to create a new cost-effective, low-emission diesel fuel that can be used in

both new and existing diesel engines." Initial cost estimates indicated the E-15 OxyDiesel will be only a few cents more per gallon than conventional #2 diesel fuel.

The E-15 OxyDiesel fuel will be tested in unmodified diesel engines, creating the potential for use without additional engine cost.

ADM Trucking, based in Decatur, will be the first fleet of trucks to test it.

## Easy often better

By Angie Eckert  
Correspondent

If you are looking for easy-to-grow, low-maintenance plants to add to your landscape, consider these plants. They are known for their ornamental value as well as their outstanding performance in the Metro East Area.

Once established, they require little maintenance and are relatively disease and pest free. Look for these star performers at your local garden center or nursery when selecting new plants for your landscape this spring.

Purple wave petunia is a low-growing, spreading annual, which blooms continuously throughout the growing season. It tolerates full sun, requires little water and grows well in annual beds and large containers. Purple wave was named an All-American Selection for its consistently outstanding performance.

Moonbeam coreopsis is a favorite of many perennial gardeners. It is extremely drought-tolerant, requiring little to no watering once established. Coreopsis returns each year with an abundant display of delicate yellow flowers atop its feathery foliage. Unlike most perennials, it flowers all

summer long. ASTILBE is an excellent perennial for shaded or partially-shaded sites. The unique foam-like flowers are 6 to 9 inches tall. Astilbe brightens shady places in the landscape when it blooms in late May and June. Flowers are available in white, peach, pink, red and deep burgundy.

Looking for a small plant to grow in full shade? Consider sweet woodruff (*Gaultheria odoratum*). Sweet woodruff grows 8 to 10 inches thick and is especially attractive as ground cover or when planted in groups of three to five. Its dainty white flowers emerge in early spring and its interesting leaves persist until frost.

There is nothing like large, majestic shade trees to prolong your enjoyment of the outdoors on hot days. Fortunately, some shade trees grow quicker than others. Bob Dintelman of Dintelman's Nursery and Garden Center in Belleville recommends red maple for homeowners who want a sturdy tree that will provide shade in a hurry. There are many different varieties of red maples that offer vibrant fall colors. "Red Sunset" is one of the most popular.

How important is it for the homeowner to have a soil analysis run on their lawn or garden? This is a question often asked by homeowners calling the Extension office.

If a homeowner has never had a soil analysis run on their lawn or garden, it is very important to have a test run to determine the levels of nitrogen and phosphorus and potassium levels of the lawn or garden. Once you know the existing fertility level, it is a lot easier to keep the fertility at an adequate level.

The ideal time to take soil samples is during the late summer or fall. However, samples can be taken during the winter or spring months

when the soil is not frozen. Where in the lawn or garden should you obtain soil to make up a sample? If the lawn or garden has a uniform soil type, you should take several samples over the area, at randomly selected and evenly spaced intervals. If there is a variation of soil types or if there are low, sloped areas where fill has been added, each of these areas should be handled as individual samplings units.

Be sure to keep composite samples separate and properly identify them. These fill areas may need treatment different from the rest of the lawn or garden area.

To take a soil sample, use a

spade, trowel or sample probe. If you use a spade or trowel, dig and remove a wedge-shaped plug of soil to the depth you plan to take the sample. Then cut a thin slice down one side of the hole. Obtain soil from five or six different areas in the lawn or garden to make up one composite sample to be tested at a soil-testing laboratory.

The depth to which the sample should be taken depends on what plants are to be grown in the samples area. A lawn or sod area should be sampled to a 6- or 7-inch depth depending on how deep the soil is normally tilled in that area. An area where trees and

shrubs will be planted should be sampled to a 12-inch depth.

Once a composite soil sample has been obtained, place about one half pint of the soil in a paper bag or other container. Mark the container with your name, mailing address, telephone number, type of sample and sample number.

If you have more than one sample it is important to use a sample number so you know where the sample results are returned to you where the sample was obtained.

The last step is to take the sample to a soil testing laboratory for analysis.

## New book helps corn growers identify insects that harm their crops

"Corn Insect Pests: A Diagnostic Guide" (A-358) takes readers out into the fields to identify corn injuries caused by insect pests. In this way, the authors hope to give producers and others in the agriculture community a "heads up" on corn insect identification.

"This is the most thorough

diagnostic guide for corn insects to be published in years," explains author Kevin Steffey, University of Illinois Extension specialist in entomology.

The book costs \$8.50. The field guide features a large number of full color photographs that aid in insect and crop injury identification.

A generous supply of color illustrations and tables makes important concepts and facts stand out, grabbing the reader's attention. Overview and symptoms sections in each chapter make the text easy to follow and understand.

The content covers corn planting through corn maturity and contains vital information

on wireworms, black cutworm, European corn borer and corn rootworm, as well as many other insect pests.

To order a copy of "Corn Insect Pests: A Diagnostic Guide," contact the University of Illinois Extension office, Madison-St. Clair Unit, 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville and #1 S. Third, Belleville.

## Area school hosting craft fair

Elizabeth Ann Seton School is holding a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at St. Stephen's Church on S. Main St. in Caseyville. All proceeds benefit Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

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By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Most people almost always remember their first "big" job but David Oates never really left his.

Oates Associates, with offices in Collinsville and Belleville, is the transformation of the company Oates came to work for after graduating from high school in 1970.

"I took drafting in high school and I knew I wanted to be an architect or an engineer," said Oates, an Edwardsville resident. "My drafting teacher got me lined up with an engineering firm." That was with the Vollmer Co. in Oates' native Louisville, Ky. After graduating from the University of Louisville in 1975, Oates began working for the company full-time. He worked in that region on various engineering projects for five years.

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David Oates

doing work on Interstate 255, a project that led to the opening of a branch office in Collinsville. Oates came to the area as the manager of that office and moved his family to Edwardsville that same year.

"I think the work on I-255 has been some of the most satisfying," Oates said. "We designed two sections of it and were involved in the overall aesthetics of it."

Oates bought the Collinsville office in 1990 from the New York-based Vollmer Co. That office handles primarily municipal projects for communities like Collinsville, Edwardsville and Highland. A few years ago he bought out a Belleville firm and created a second office and handles work for Belleville, Fairview Heights, O'Fallon and St. Clair County.

In addition to I-255, some of the company's larger projects have been environmental study work and right-of-way acquisition for MetroLink from East St. Louis to MidAmerica Airport and the development of

two bike trails for the Madison County Transit District. The company also designed the new Engineering Department building on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The company keeps its 20 employees busy. At various times, the staff was twice that number but computer technology has made many positions unnecessary. For example, a survey team once required as many as four workers. Thanks to electronic equipment, the job now takes two, Oates said.

"They used to have to manually transcribe dimensions and then recreate them (on paper)," Oates said. "Now they hook up to a computer and just dump all that information."

Nowhere is the change more visible than in the office itself. "You don't see any people with drafting boards and pens," Oates said. "They're all gone."

In the past five years, the tables and pens have given way to computer monitors. The company has also scaled back some of its services. It no longer deals with residential properties or subdivisions and

only occasionally takes on a private enterprise project. Almost all of its projects now deal with state or local governments. That's another factor that determines staffing needs.

It can fluctuate because we may have one big project or several smaller ones, depending on the needs of clients at a particular time," Oates said.

Oates' work involves him in several organizations, including the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois and the Statewide Engineering Association, of which he is a past president.

Oates and his wife, Jeanne, are members of the Eden Church in Edwardsville where Oates serves on the board of directors for the Eden Retirement Village. The Oates have two daughters, Cindy, 27, and Jennifer, 23. The elder daughter lives in St. Peters, Mo., and the younger is to be married next September.

Preparing for life as "empty-nesters," the Oates are planning to build a new home north of Edwardsville at Fox Creek.

When he isn't at work, you might find Oates out on the links. Or you might find him in the kitchen.

"I cook a lot, particularly Chinese and Italian," Oates said. "I watch a lot of cooking shows and I try to make the stuff. Jeanne likes to have a recharged Republican, but I experiment and play with it a little bit."

## Flood says conscience costs Poshard

By Larry Ingram  
Staff writer

Re-elected St. Clair County Clerk Sam Flood says the lack of campaign money hurt Glenn Poshard's chances of winning the gubernatorial election against Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan.

"He limited himself for campaign money," Flood said. "It proved to be fatal." Poshard lost to Ryan in the Nov. 3 general election. Ryan, a Chicago-based Republican, had 1,426,699 votes, as compared to Poshard's 1,296,598.

During the last two weeks of the campaign, Ryan's election campaign group ran TV attack ads against the southern Illinois congressman.

Flood said that since Poshard would not accept big money contributions, his campaign did not have enough money to counter the negative TV ads.

"It's very, very expensive to put ads on in the St. Louis market," Flood said.

Flood said Poshard's decision not to accept the larger donations was a matter of conscience.

"He thought it was the right thing to do," Flood said. The ads running on St. Louis TV stations portrayed Poshard as being anti-environment and anti-gun control or in support of guns.

Poshard voted against the Brady Bill that requires a five day waiting period before purchasing a handgun. The Brady Bill went into effect in February 1994.

Poshard represented a district that included many gun owners and hunters.

Flood said Poshard also voted against a bill that would have eliminated the burning of high sulfur coal.

Poshard wanted to add the industrial scrubbers requirement to the bill so that mining companies in his district could still mine the lower sulfur coal.

"He voted against the bill because he has 20,000 people in his district who depend on the mining industry for work," Flood said.

Poshard placed a self-imposed 10-year limit on how long he would serve as U.S. Representative. He represented the 19th U.S. Congressional district in Illinois.

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## Home Improvement

# You can solve problems with water heaters

Water heaters have relatively few components and are fairly easy to service. When problems do arise, a water heater can send out a mixture of confusing signals.

Because trouble can strike any part of your hot-water system, it helps to think in terms of its three basic elements: pipes, including all faucets and hot-water appliances; tank; and the heat source.

Piping systems cause some problems often blamed on the water heater. High operating costs may be traced to a dripping faucet or leaking pipe. A faucet that drips only one drop per second wastes nearly 800 gallons of hot water per year. In such a case, a simple, inexpensive water faucet repair will pay for itself many times over.

Long, uninsulated pipe-runs also waste hot water. When you draw water from a faucet at the end of such a run, hot water must displace water that cooled in the pipe. To get a quart of hot water, draw several gallons from the tank. Keep heat from dissipating quickly by insulating hot water pipes.

Hot-water storage tank problems can call for a simple parts replacement or a whole new tank. An aging water system may carry sediment into the tank, or sediment may collect as flakes of calcium and lime. In electric models, sediment-covered heating elements will burn out quickly. In gas heaters, sediment accumulates in the bottom of the tank and forms a barrier between the heat source and the water. Steam bubbles percolate through the sediment and cause a continuous rumbling sound. So, if your electric heater burns up lower elements frequently, or if your gas heater rumbles, sediment may be the culprit.

To remove sediment, first drain as much water as possible from the tank. Next, with the draincock still open, turn the water on full pressure to flush the tank. Then, reduce the pressure by half and, finally, shut off the water and allow the tank to drain completely.

A fallen dip tube is a relatively uncommon problem that can bypass unheated water to the output pipe. The dip tube is a pipe that delivers incoming cold water to the heat source near the tank bottom. If it slips through the cold water inlet fitting and falls into the tank, cold water entering the tank is drawn through the hot-water outlet without being heated. To replace a dip tube, disconnect the inlet pipe from the tank. Then, cut a length of one-half-inch diameter soft copper tubing long enough to reach within 12 inches of the tank bottom. Flare the pipe end so it's slightly larger than the inside diameter of the inlet fitting. Insert the tube into the fitting and reconnect the inlet pipe. You can leave the old tube in the tank without problems.

Late-model water heaters have a magnesium rod to coat voids in the porcelain tank lining. An anode sacrifices itself to prevent rust and prolong the tank's life. These rods seldom cause problems but when they do, it's often a chemical reaction to acids and minerals that gives the water a passy odor or taste. To correct this, unscrew the magnesium rod and replace it with an aluminum rod. Most retail plumbing outlets stock them.

A relief valve keeps the heater from exploding if the thermostat sticks. When pressure builds and the water gets too hot, the relief valve opens. However, the valve spring can weaken and release water unnecessarily. To correct this, simply remove the valve and screw in a new one.

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# Big-screen TV can make, break a room

"Never has one of my gifts met with such an enthusiastic response," Lyn Peterson said of the 55-inch television set that she gave her family for the holidays. Peterson, an interior designer and head of Mott Designs in New Rochelle, N.Y., didn't want the new set to stick out like a sore thumb — yet it was far too large to be inconspicuous.

This is a decorating concern more consumers are facing as TVs with outsize screens — those measuring from 40 to about 80 inches — gain popularity. More than 925,000 were shipped to dealers in 1997, compared to 465,000 in 1993.

These days, 12 percent of American households own a front- or rear-projection TV — the types of set with screens 40 inches or bigger — according to the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association in Arlington, Va. In 1984, the figure was one percent.

Peterson solved her decorating problem with a custom-made corner cabinet. The open top houses the TV and a VCR. Closed spaces below hold tapes and video games.

The cabinet, built on-site by a carpenter for about \$500, masks the bulk of the television, takes advantage of otherwise wasted space below to keep clutter at bay, and provides a more finished look to the room, Peterson said.

The corner location and elevating the set 42 inches above the floor make the screen visible in all parts of the room.

Peterson says she learned a lot about

how to decorate a room around a very large TV from her own experience. Treat the TV as the room's focal point, she says — "anything that large is going to be a focal point in the room, anyway."

If sofa and easy chairs are arranged in an L-shaped formation, it's best to place the set on an angle in the opposite corner for maximum visibility from every seat. Try not to place a TV directly across from a window since daylight will reflect onto the screen.

Window coverings can help adjust light levels for daytime viewing. Peterson prefers venetian blinds or slatted shutters rather than opaque coverings like heavy curtains; these let the room be dimmed, without totally eliminating daylight and creating a tomblike atmosphere.

Most of the reflections cast on the screen at night come from lamps and lighting fixtures. Dark lampshades will cut the glare and avoid such reflections, Peterson says.

Light sources should preferably be located behind the viewer. A rule of thumb is that no light source should be brighter than the screen when the set is on. Three-way bulbs or dimmers provide flexibility for lighting fixtures.

The most important factor with large-screen TVs is to key the size of the set to the size of the room.

"A rule of thumb is to allow a minimum distance of three times the screen size for all TVs," said Ed Korenman, spokesman for the Consumer

Electronics Manufacturers Association. This means that viewers should be about 12 feet away from a 48-inch screen.

A big screen TV is often installed in a home theater setting, with extra speakers placed strategically around the room — the better to appreciate those startling sound effects in action films. Too many hard surfaces in the room can result in sound distortion.

Carpeting or a large area rug and wood furniture will absorb some sound and create a better listening environment than a bare floor and metal furniture.

Since the room is sure to get a great deal of wear, to say nothing of spills and stains from snacks, washable or dry-cleanable slipcovers and patterned low-pile carpets that don't show dirt are excellent choices.

The television room is not the place for a busy floral wallpaper or lots of knickknacks.

"Clutter makes it hard to focus on the picture screen," Peterson said. "Create a muted background in the TV room and try to store stereo components behind closed doors where the blinking lights of electronic equipment will not be distracting."

As with any closed cabinetry for electronic equipment, the back of the cabinet should provide access to components and permit venting of any built-up heat generated by the equipment.

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